HEATH HAYES & WIMBLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn Newsletter SEPTEMBER 2013

Remembrance Day

The Council is again assisting with the arrangements and we want to help to ensure that the event is safe, enjoyable and respectful. We would welcome any volunteer marshalls that could assist on the day for a maximum of two hours. Please contact the Clerk for details.

This year, the event will be held on Sunday 10th November and will commence with assembly at the Heath Hayes Constitutional Club at 9.30 am. There will be a church service at St John's Church at 10.00 am and then a walk to Five Ways Island, where there will be a reading of the names of the fallen , the placing of wreaths and a silence by 11.00 am.

Can we please ask that everyone is aware of other road users and please keep off the Five Ways Island, even if the traffic has been stopped.

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Grants considered in January.

The Council is commencing the annual grant scheme and will consider grants that benefit local groups and organisations.

Please contact the Clerk or go to our website www.hhwpc.co.uk for an application form.

Save the Date!		
Meetings	**Location**	**Coming up**
3rd October 7th November 5th December 9th January 6th February 6th March	These meetings will be held at Hearth Hayes Library, commencing at 7.30 pm	10th November - Remembrance Day January - Grants, Budget and Precept

Local News

This section covers events and information about what is going on in Heath Hayes and Wimblebury.

Best Kept Village Competition 2013

The Council enters the competitions to promote community pride and to improve the area. We use the project to push for repairs to bus shelters and phone kiosks. We also invite the local schools to take part in the country-wide poster competition. We have entered for the last three years and have received many favourable comments.

Christmas Lights Competition

We are again running the competition for the best five domestic displays and the best business. Prizes are 1st - 25, 2nd - 15, 3rd - 10, 4th - 5 and 5th - 5. Winners will be notified and the prizes will be reimbursed against energy saving equipment.

Our Green Policies

We are the first Parish Council in the country to be awarded "Green Achiever" status.

- The Hayes Green Centre has a high efficiency boiler, is well insulated, timed sensor lights and thermostats on radiators.
- We promote recycling and have information on our notice boards and website.
- We send all documents, report and mail by email if possible. All Christmas cards are sent electronically at no cost to the Council.
- The prize money for the Christmas Lights Competition is payment towards insulation or energy saving equipment.
- The Clerk uses an electric cycle (50 miles on 4p charge) for work wherever possible.

Hayes Green Community Centre and Heath Hayes Cabin

The Hayes Green Community Centre is available for hire on some Thursday evenings and weekends. It can be hired for parties or events and has recently been re-decorated to a high standard.

Monday to Friday during the day, the Stepping Stones Nursery is in operation. Monday evening Yoga. Tuesday Zumba, Wednesday Cannock Chase Drum Corps, Friday Meiji Judo and Saturday Morning Drama Class.

Please see our website www.hhwpc.co.uk for other events.

The Heath Hayes Cabin is on the Hednesford Road car park next to The Talbot. It is 60ft x 12ft and has a meeting room, kitchen, toilets and disabled facilities. It is available for hire and there is daytime availability through the week.

MID STAFFORDSHIRE NHS

Consultation about the future Cannock and Stafford Hospitals ends on 1st October. Please see www.tsa-msft.org.uk phone 0800 408 6399 or email TSAconsultation@midstaffs.nhs.co.uk

Awarding of "Freedom"

The Council has awarded a "Freedom" of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury to the mascot of the Staffordshire Regiment.

This following a request for every Council in Staffordshire to bestow a "Freedom" following the Staffordshire Regiment becoming part of the Mercian Regiment and will hopefully keep up the tradition of their mascot being able to take part in ceremonial duties in Staffordshire.

Local News Issues

Chain of Office

The Council has been able to acquire a Chain of Office following a very kind donation from Biffa.

Designed and made by Fattorinis in Birmingham, it features the Memorial Gates at Five Ways Island and the Staffordshire knot. This will be worn by the Chair when he is representing the Council.

St John's Church Carol Service

The Council has agreed to donate a Christmas Tree to St John's Church and it is hoped to hold a Carols Around The Christmas Tree event during the festive period. A collection will be taken and it is planned to also raise some funds for a deserving charity.

Grants for 2013

The Council is about to start the annual grant procedure, with forms going out in October and being considered at the meeting in January. Grants can be given to groups that have a direct benefit to the area. If you want to be sent an application form, please contact the Clerk.

Chair of the Council

Cllr John Bernard is serving his second term of office as a Parish Councillor. He is also a District Councillor. He was elected as Chair of the Council in 2011 and re-elected in 2012.

Clerk, Ray Smythe - Here to help you

I have been the Clerk for the Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Council since 1995 and I am very proud to be with a hard working and forward looking Council.

If there is anything the Council can help you with, please contact me or any other Councillor. Residents are welcome at any and all meetings.

Clerks meeting at Reading, Berkshire.

Clerk, Ray Smythe inducted as a Certified Municipal Clerk, the first in the UK

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Residents warned over loan sharks

RESIDENTS in Chadsmoor are being warned over the dangers of loan sharks.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team in partnership with the county council, Cannock Chase District Council and Chase Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) are fronting the campaigning as part of the 'Love Your Street' initiative.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team has recovered money taken from convicted loan sharks which it used to front the campaign along with funding from the Chase Community Partnership.

Representatives from the participating agencies, together with mascot Sid the Shark, will be out and about in the Chadsmoor area today (Thursday) and tomorrow on from 10.30am to 2pm, offering advice and handing out gifts including ice creams and blow up sharks.

They will offer information on how to steer clear of loan sharks, and what to do if you have been a victim.

A banner displaying the 0300 555 2222 hotline number for reporting loan sharks will be displayed and leaflets with the reporting details will be distributed along with food bank vouchers.

Staffordshire County Councillor Mike Lawrence said: "It is good to see that money confiscated from loan sharks is being put back into the community; helping to improve Chadsmoor and raising awareness of the problems illegal money lenders bring."

Councillor Mike Holder, portfolio holder for crime and partnerships at Cannock Chase District Council said "We work closely with our partners to address any issues within the community and give our resident assurance."

Plea to scrap car park after plans put on hold

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a shopping complex on a Cannock car park are to be put on hold after more than 50 per cent of surveyed residents said they did not want it.

Beecroft Road car park had been earmarked for development by Cannock Chase Council.

Delight at decision on 'foolhardy' proposals

A CAMPAIGN group has been praised by Chase MP Aidan Burley after Cannock Chase Council shelved plans to redevelop the Beecroft Road car park.

The decision was made as Mr Burley handed in a petition from residents calling for the proposals to be scrapped.

Residents – whose homes could have been subject to a compulsory purchase order – had already reported that their house prices could fall amid the uncertainty and formed the Allport Action Alliance.

Horrendous

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr Burley commended their efforts.

He said: "I pay tribute to Allport Action Alliance for their hard work in collecting signatures and standing up against these horrendous plans."

The council's Conservative group leader Paul Snape said: "Even the council's own limited figures showed an overwhelming majority opposed to any development.

"I am delighted the council has decided to cancel this foolhardy scheme. Common sense has prevailed."

Residents welcomed the decision but want the plan scrpped for good.

Marks & Spencer, Debenhams and Next were mooted as possible stores, but market tests found big names were unlikely to be attracted in the economic climate.

The land was instead lined up for mixed use, including restaurants and cafés with homes in Allport Road facing compulsory purchase orders to acquire land to make way for the scheme.

According to public consultation, the majority of Cannock Chase residents opposed the plans, with the authority now being recommended to no longer puruse the development.

Consultation results show 58.4 per cent of respondents did not want the scheme, compared with 31.3 per cent of people in favour.

Simply

Council leader George Adamson said: "The council will take on board the results and I will be recommending to cabinet that we respect the views of those who responded and will, therefore, not actively pursue the development of this site at this time."

Residents in Allport Road gathered a petition of more than 2,600 signatures opposing the plan.

Robert Blaikie, whose home was built in 1910, said: "On the face of it it's great news, but if they're simply delaying the plans, that clearly doesn't address our problem.

"We want the plans taken off the table completely and scrapped for good."

Masterchief winner inspires

Masterchef winner Natalie Coleman with pupils at Longford Primary School, Cannock

CHILDREN at a school in Cannock were given the chance to take part in a cooking session with a Masterchef winner.

Natalie Coleman, who competed in the series earlier this year, visited pupils at Longford Primary School, Ascot Drive, on Tuesday to teach them how to bake.

The children, aged between six and 11 made banana cake and took part in a questions and answer session with the chef.

School governor Tamsin Wood, said: "Twelve of our students took part in the day and they absolutely loved it.

"It was very messy but they all learned so much and were able to see how important it is to cook from scratch rather than buy ready-made food.

"After the cooking session, Natalie came to our assembly and the children fired loads of questions at her. She is a very inspiring person and taught them to follow their dreams just like she did."

At the end of the session, students presented Miss Coleman with an apron with the school's motto 'aim high,' written on it.

Miss Wood added: "It was a wonderful day and we are all so grateful to Natalie for taking time out to come and talk to us and cook."

Natalie explains the finer points

Public can nominate favourite green site

RESIDENTS from across Cannock Chase are being asked to vote for their favourite green space in the district.

Four sites, Elmore Park in Rugeley, Ravenhill Park in Brereton, Cannock Park and Castle Ring at Cannock Wood, were awarded the Green Flag in July.

They were among the 1,448 areas across the country to receive the accolade.

Now residents across the district can nominate their favourite in the annual People's Choice Award.

To vote, visit **www.greenflagaward.org.uk**, select Cannock Chase on the interactive map, find the park and click vote.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, culture and sport portfolio Leader said: "The four Green Flag Awards we received for our district are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers.

"I would encourage everyone to vote for our parks to be the nation's favourite."

The vote will close at midday on October 1.

The winner of the 2013 People's Choice will be announced on October 9 at a ceremony in London.

Zumbathon charity aid

ALMOST £1,500 was raised at a charity Zumbathon held in honour of a tragic teenager.

Thomas Smith, of Hednesford, died on a family trip to Wales after suffering meningitis. Around 100 people attended the event at Chase Leisure Centre recently.

Thomas's aunt, Jayne Gregory, said: "It was a very emotional day."

The money has gone to Meningitis UK.

Rock Dogs date

LOCAL modern indie band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at The Nest in Chadsmoor, tomorow night (Friday). The band plays covers from the likes of Kings of Leon, Foo Fighters, Stereophonics and Rolling Stones. Entry is free and the gig starts around 9pm.

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Musicians play event for charity

MUSCIANS will be playing for free to support St Joseph's RC Church, Rugeley, raise money for its charity projects.

The Gift of Music event will be held at St Joseph's Community Centre on Saturday, September 28 from 7.30pm.

The church's Home and Away charity supports a drug addiction centre in England and an African community.

Among those taking part will be Claret, a trio of musicians from Lichfield and Sutton, Tony Ward, from Burntwood, whose television show Country Is is broadcast on Sky TV from the Swan with Two Necks, Longdon, and acoustic duo Paul Walker and Karen Pfieffer, from Stone.

There will also be a special guest, said MC for the night, church member and musician Mike O'Brien, from Rugeley.

Tickets cost £5 for adults, £1 for children and £10 for a family. There can be bought from the community centre in Lichfield Street or on the door.

Jo back on coffee trail

A LEADING cancer charity has highlighted a Cheslyn Hay resident as one of its top three fundraisers in the region during its annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning last year.

Jo Timbrell raised more than £2,300 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This year she will host events with her colleagues at retail payments provider FIS, Birmingham, by baking dozens of cakes and serving hot drinks in exchange for a donation.

The sum that is raised will be matched by FIS bosses.

She organised the events after her mother, Sandra Derry, was diagnosed with breast cancer four years ago, and is now doing well.

The event is next Friday, September 27.

Taxi hits post

WET roads have been blamed for an accident in which a taxi veered off the road and hit a lamp post in Clayhanger Lane, Brownhills, just after midday.

The 28-year-old driver had to be cut free before being taken to hospital with facial and back injuries. No passengers were on board when the crash just after noon on Tuesday.

Store ready for opening ahead of schedule

Store manager Ruth Brown receives the keys to the store from site manager Matthew Forman

THE huge new Tesco in Rugeley is on schedule to open days earlier than planned.

Developers have handed over the keys to staff to finish the fitting out.

The 40,000sq ft store on the former Celcon Blockworks site is virtually complete and will open next Thursday, four days sooner than expected.

The long-awaited opening comes after plans for the supermarket have been in the pipeline for more than a decade.

A £20 million scheme in 2002 was rejected by Government ministers despite widespread support because it was outside the town boundary.

Now, store manager Ruth Brown is looking forward to welcoming her first customers through the doors.

"It is great to know that soon we will be greeting our first customers," she said.

Created

"We are looking forward to hearing what they think of the new store and hope to offer them a fantastic shopping experience."

The store in Power Station Road will open its doors for the first time at 8am and then the official launch celebrations will take place at 10am. The store will be open 6am to midnight from Monday to Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

The opening has created 300 jobs, a quarter of which have been given to previously unemployed people.

A requirement to employ a significant number of local unemployed was part of Tesco's deal struck with Cannock Chase Council bosses.

Recruitment has been taking place over the last 12 months.

Shouts alert widower, 80, as fire threatens his home

A WIDOWER told has how his neighbours alerted him to a blaze which ripped through a garden shed and spread to his house, helping him flee to safety. Derek Smith, aged 80, was in bed at his Hednesford home when his shed went up in flames and he heard his neighbours shouting to him to leave the house. It was the fourth in a series of arson attacks in the town over two days.

Flames engulfed the shed at the Upper Mount semi-detached where Mr Smith lives alone, before spreading to the house where the fire cracked a window and melted his washing machine.

Around an hour before the fire took place on Sunday night, Mr Smith said he answered the door to a man aged around 18 years old who was asking for a 'Raymond'. It is not known whether the young man has been linked to the fire by the authorities. Mr Smith, who has lived at the Upper Mount Street address since 1965, said he had no idea the fire was taking place until his neighbours called him down.

"It was around 11.30pm when I heard the neighbours shouting 'get out of bed'," said Mr Smith. "They came and helped me and the fire brigade and the police were here minutes later.

"I couldn't smell the smoke at all – and there are four fire alarms in the house.

"The first I knew about it was the lady shouting across the road to me."

Frightening

Mr Smith's neighbour, mother-of-two Dawn Gater, aged 49, said: "We ran over to his house and called him down. Seconds after he'd come out we heard a loud 'pop' and there was an explosion.

"Had we left it another five minutes, the fire would have taken hold and he could have died. Police think it was deliberate. It's incredibly frightening."

Three other suspected arson attacks have taken place in Hednesford in two days, including a fire at the now derelict West Cannock Sports Club in Bradbury Lane on Sunday.

Arsonists also set fire to a bench behind a house in Mount Street and bins near homes in Station Road on Saturday.

Staffordshire Police Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe said: "Some of the bins and sheds have been in close proximity to houses and could have caused serious damage and endangered people's lives."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Derek Smith surveys what is left of his shed after flames ripped through it

MP backs fight by villages over homes scheme

AN MP has criticised a scheme to build more than 140 homes on green belt land between Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay.

Gavin Williamson is backing villagers who are fighting the proposals. Almost 1,500 have signed a petition of objection.

Protesters are concerned about increased traffic, pressure on schools and the impact on wildlife. Others raised fears it would destroy the villages' individual identities.

Cannock builder Ken Lees has applied to South Staffordshire Council to build 141 homes. It also provides for a park-and-ride scheme on land next to the plot to serve the nearby railway station. A health centre, care home and allotments are also planned.

The initial application asks for permission to build access roads. Around eight residents have formed a community group, called Save Our Space, to fight the plans. Campaign posters have gone up around the area.

The protesters say the houses would effectively merge the villages by eliminating the final stretch of green land between them.

Mr Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, urged residents to make their views known to the planning authority.

He said: "Building on green belt land should only take place in the most exceptional circumstances and I don't believe those circumstances are met in this case.

"The villages of Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay both have their own unique identities and characteristics."

Mr Lees, who runs KGL Estates, said: "We're fully expecting the application to go to appeal when people can put their views fairly and the planning minister can then make a decision on the matter."

NEWS in brief

Micro-chip you dog for nothing

DOG owners have the chance to get their dog micro chipped for free in Chadsmoor next week.

Cannock Chase District Council working with the Dog's Trust to run he event at Coniston Hall, Cecil Street on Monday and Tuesday 24 between 10am and 4pm.

Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, is providing a mobile team of vet nurses who will microchip dogs free of charge. Changes in the law mean that from April 2016 it will be compulsory for all dogs to be micro-chipped in England.

This event is part of the 'love your street' initiative which helps improve the quality of life for local residents by dealing with community issues.

Jobs fair helps people into work

A JOBS fair was held in Cannock on Wednesday at the Premier Suite.

It was the organised in partnership with Inspire 2 Independence, following on from the success of events in Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley and forms part of Chase MP Aidan Burley's mission to support local people back into work.

He said: "Many employers tell me they are looking to take on new people but that they do not know how best to meet those in search of a job. Yet at the same time many local people who are out of work tell me how desperate they are to get a job, to get back into the workplace, but that they do not know which employers are looking to recruit."

Hedgehog day brings in £230

A FUNDRAISER for hedgehogs has raised more than £230. Staff at Hatherton Nurseries, Watling Street, Cannock, held the event and awareness day last month.

Nursery operator Margaret Stokes thanked customers and wellwishers for donating £237. Proceeds will go to West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue, Cheslyn Hay.

Quiz for hospice

A SUPPORT group for Walsall Hospice has raised £6,000 this year. Now the WS3 Friends of Walsall Hospice is hosting a quiz at Great Wyrley Clubhouse, Long Lane, on Friday. There is a maximum of six per team. Tickets are £3. Call 01922 479949.

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YOU will read (in large headlines) that a new report says the HS2 rail project could "boost the UK economy by £15 billion a year." You may read (in the small print) that this report was commissioned by HS2 Ltd.

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MICHAEL Parkinson longs for the television-news programmes of the 1960s and 1970s which he recalls as "thrilling and exhilarating." That's right, Parky. And back then folk all stuck together, you didn't need to lock your door, beer was stronger, chicken had real flavour and you could buy six penny buns for a farthing.

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THERE is no point in raging against the Director of Public Prosecutions' decision which, in effect, makes it legal to destroy babies in the womb purely for being female. The Third World custom of strangling baby girls at birth or leaving them in the cold to die has been sanitised and updated. The service is now provided with the agreement of NHS doctors in NHS hospitals at the taxpayers' expense. An unholy alliance of "cultural values" and rampant feminism has sentenced thousands of British girls never to be born. And who's going to stand up against this revolting genocide by gender? Not the politicians, terrified of being branded racist. Not the feminists, some of whom are so besotted with "a woman's right to choose" that they would sanction the abortion of a foetus which didn't have exactly the right shade of blue eyes. We, the British people, are outraged, horrified, betrayed. But who ever listens to us?

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A FRIEND fell and banged her head. I took her to A&E. She was seen, assessed, treated and discharged in just over an hour. It's not all calamity, congestion and cock-up. Sometimes the NHS is pretty good.

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THE Syrian war has concentrated minds on the horrors of chemical warfare and the various treaties which were designed to forbid the use of such terrible weapons. But the chief aim of all the treaties was to prevent the aggressive use of such chemicals. Traditionally, an army would wait until the wind was right, unleash gas on the enemy and attack behind the gas cloud. But do the same rules apply in defence? Imagine you are prime minister. Britain is at war and it's going badly. London is in a state of panic. The enemy is approaching Essex, slaughtering every village and sharpening their knives for an orgy of bloodletting. The only weapon left in your armoury is a nerve-gas bomb. What do you do? Abide by a convention written many years ago and sentence your people to rape and butchery? Or do you use the bomb?

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ACTUALLY, the above questions have been answered. We now know that if the Germans had attempted to invade England in 1940, Winston Churchill was quite prepared to spray the beaches with mustard gas, chlorine and phosgene. The stuff was mixed, loaded and ready and waiting for the Nazi hordes. The lesson of history is that the winners decide what is moral.

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I KNEW the brilliant PR image enjoyed by dolphins for the past 50 years couldn't last for ever. Sure enough, in a new book, zoologist Justin Gregg says: "In terms of intelligence they are nowhere near as special as they have been portrayed." Gregg admits that dolphins are gregarious and empathise with their mates, but points out that so do pigs and chickens. Just because dolphins can swim backwards and have a sort of language and a permanent smile, it doesn't make them super-bright. I have long believed that if we humans had evolved in the oceans and moved ashore a few thousand years ago, we would instantly have transferred our affections from noisy, needy, clacketty –chattering dolphins to a far more intelligent mammal. "See this little chap? He can fetch sticks, round up sheep and keep your feet warm. He's 10 times more fun than a dolphin. Let's call him the dog."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Speakers tell of how their lives changed

A FORMER bouncer, who lay bedridden for years before being healed by God is among the speakers at a week-long event in Rugeley.

Rise Up Rugeley will hear testimonies from hardened drug users and ex-criminals who turned their lives around after finding religion.

Among them is Richard Waller, a carpenter by trade, but who found physical labour too demanding because of chronic back pain. He was converted when his partner introduced him to an Alpha course and is now a regular mountain bike rider.

His Saturday night Impact speech (September 28) will be followed by a talk at Back to Church Sunday, which will end the week of activities on September 29 from 10.30am.

A number of fun events have been arranged as part of the week-long mission. It starts on Saturday (September 21) with a family activity bus outside the library, in Anson Street.

Talks begin the same night at the neighbouring Victory Christian Centre from Simon Edwards, a former inmate who founded charity The Walk, to help ex-offenders resettle in the community and Barry Woodward, whose repeated drug offences landed him in Strangeways.

Sunday begins with a family service at 10.30am before Wynne Goss introduces his music ministry at 6.30pm. There will be children's entertainment from 10am-2pm on Saturday 28, before young musical group Impact perform from 7.30pm.

Pastor Will Graham said: "The purpose is to bring hope to people who have none, to give them fresh direction for life.

"People can hear messages of hope, how life can be turned around, how you can get a second, or even a third chance in life."

Firefighter work-outs spark MP's safety fear

FIREFIGHTERS are using Cannock Chase Leisure Centre while waiting on call, sparking fears response times could be longer than necessary as a result.

Chase MP Aidan Burley said he was 'concerned' crews may be unable to reach incidents from the centre as quickly as they can from Cannock Fire Station. He said: "This cannot be the most efficient way to get to a call.

"It cannot be the case that response times are as quick as they can be if firefighters are in the middle of a weights session, for example, and if they then have to get out of the gym and into the fire engine.

"Surely their time would be better spent talking to local schools and residents about fire prevention or changing smoke alarms.

"There are plenty of things they could be doing."

Cannock Fire Station has its own gym and firefighters are allocated time to exercise while on duty.

by Will Ackermann

Needed

Those who use the leisure centre on Stafford Road pay their own membership fees, so they are not funded by the taxpayer.

Fire station manager Neil Pederson said working out while on call did not affect response times, adding that crews needed to keep fit in order to work effectively.

He said: "To ensure that the crews are fit enough to carry out their physically demanding role, they are allocated a small amount of time to exercise and train whilst on duty.

"The crews at Cannock sometimes use the gym and sports hall at Cannock Chase Leisure Centre to do this.

"However, they are always able to respond to incidents immediately and within the same attendance times as they would if they were at their home fire station.

"Under no circumstances do they use the facility's swimming pool or shower facilities, which would delay their response times."

He added: "When using the leisure centre, crews often interact with members of the community and are able to give out vital fire safety advice.

"The crews are 100 per cent committed to making Staffordshire the safest place to be at all times of the day and night.

"In order to achieve this aim, firefighters have to be physically, mentally and emotionally healthy.

"I am sure that I would not be alone in saying that when the need arises for the services of a fire crew, most people would be reassured that the crew is proficient, competent and healthy to carry out the role efficiently, effectively and above all safely."

Internet fraud is alleged

A MAN accused of tricking internet customers out of more than £2,000 has appeared before Cannock magistrates. Jamie Forsyth, aged 30, of Elmdon Close, Penkridge, is charged with eight counts of fraud by false representation after stating he had items to sell when he did not. The charges range from £130 to £500 between April 2012 and February. The case was adjourned until October 31.

Father's care inspires Caroline

Postie Caroline Brown prepares for her charity run

Postie has new round for charity

A POSTAL worker will swap pounding the streets with the her delivery bag to running through London in aid of the Stroke Association.

Caroline Brown, from Great Wyrley, is doing the Royal Parks Foundation half-marathon which covers more than 13 miles on October 6.

Her father Bob Elwell suffered a stroke in 2009 and she has been inspired to collect cash for the cause.

He was treated at Walsall Manor, Cannock and Stafford, spending a total of six months in hospital.

The running route takes in Hyde Park and Kensington Park and Caroline has been training over the past three months in preparation.

She did the London Marathon in 2010 in aid of hearing dogs and the Great North Run for Acorns in 2011.

The postie, who works from the Landywood delivery office, has now dusted off her running shoes to return to training.

The 46 year-old said, of Well Lane, said: "We didn't know anyone who had a stroke when my dad had his and it is life changing."

People can sponsor her via www.justgiv ing.com/caroline-brown46 page or text message Face64 and the donation to 70070.

Hospital could be used to capacity

UNDER-USED Cannock Chase Hospital could soon be run at full capacity as part of a massive shake-up.

Administrators at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust say other organisations are 'tripping over themselves' to provide services at the town's hospital.

The news emerged at the latest public consultation meeting held by the Trust Special Administrators at Chase Leisure Centre. Around 50 people attended Thursday's meeting.

Under current recommendations, the running of Cannock Hospital would transfer to the Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, but all services would continue at the site.

Cannock Hospital is currently 40 per cent under-occupied. Professor Hugo Mascie-Taylor, one of the administrators, said: "If our recommendations are accepted then the percentage of floor space used will go up to 80 to 85 per cent. There will be an opportunity for other organisations to fill up the space."

Fellow trust special administrator Alan Bloom added: "People are tripping over themselves to provide services at Cannock."

Lawyers offer divorce help

TWO solicitors have launched a service aimed at making it easier and less stressful for married couples to split up.

Family lawyers Susan Davies and Laura Lambert, from Staffordshire firm Ansons Solicitors, say the collaborative law process is also cheaper than other forms of divorce.

Everyone involved signs an agreement committing to trying to resolve the issues without going to court.

The solicitors have completed collaborative law training and are offering the service from their firm's offices in Eastern Way, Cannock, and Breadmarket Street, Lichfield.

Event taken off

A LACK of ticket sales has forced The Royal British Legion Women's Section Burntwood & District Branch to cancel its Take Off That event which was due to take place at the Burntwood Memorial Institute this Saturday.

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'No need' for village crematory

CONTROVERSIAL plans to create a crematorium on council-owned land in Essington have hit a stumbling block amid concerns it is 'simply not needed'.

An independent report into whether the village needs a new crematorium has been called for and a consultation demanded.

It comes after a 650-strong petition was handed into South Staffordshire District Council by residents opposed to the scheme for land off Broad Lane.

The issue was discussed at the council's overview and scrutiny committee on Tuesday. Members had been advised to agree to the district council leasing the land out with the view of it becoming a crematorium.

But concerns were raised by members who claimed one was not needed.

Essington Councillor David Clifft said: "This is valuable land within Essington. I would like to propose this committee support me that this council has a full consultation with the residents of Essington. "

But Councillor Bob Cope raised concerns that a study stating a crematorium was needed had been done by the firm wanting to run it.

Council leader Brian Edwards will now decide whether to accept Councillor Clifft's suggestions.

Incredible time set for cinema club

FAMILY favourite The Incredibles will be shown at Cannock children's cinema club next Saturday.

The animated hit features a family of superheroes who live a quiet suburban life and are forced to hide their powers.

Organised by Create-Church:Cannock, the club takes place on the last Saturday of the month from 10am to noon at the Electric Palace Picture House.

Youngsters from birth to 11 can watch classic children's films on the big screen with their parents and carers, for 50p each to cover refreshments.

Tickets will be available on the door on Saturday, September 28.

CreateChurch:Cannock, which celebrates its first birthday this week, meets every Sunday from 10am at the Picture House.

For more information see http://createchurchcannock.co.uk/index.php/createcinema-club

Sailors' endurance raises £1,000 for RNLI

Ed Dutton (left), and Sam Blocksidge looking happy to be nearing the end of their RNLI 24-hour fundraiser

FUNDRAISING was plain sailing for landscape gardener Ed Dutton, from Penkridge, and student Sam Blocksidge, from Wombourne.

The two members of South Staffordshire Sailing Club, Gailey, completed a mammoth endurance challenge on September 7 by sailing non-stop for 24 hours to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

Sam, aged 20, of Planks Lane, and Ed, 21, of Teddesley Road, had been planning and training for the Crewsaver 24 Hour Race in Southport.

So far they have hauled in a whopping £1,000 for the RNLI and hope, with sponsorship money still coming in, they will reach £1,500.

Sam said: "It's a charity that is close to my heart. The volunteers drop everything to go and help people in trouble at sea and save a lot of lives."

Ed said: "I was once in a tricky situation when I had to call on them and was very grateful for their support."

The intrepid duo had to take all of their food and drink with them. With 48 bottles of water and sports drinks, 25kg of food it made the beginning of the race difficult because of the extra weight. "It was effectively like having a third person," Ed said.

The sailors felt confident going into the race but didn't quite expect it to be as tough as it was. Ed said: "It was so mentally tough to try to concentrate on the race, it's one of the hardest things I've ever done."

Club commodore Nick Brandon said: "This was a fantastic effort from them and the club is very proud of what they have achieved."

To donation on behalf of Sam and Ed visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/samandeds24challenge

Game on! Museum display relives favourite pastimes

COMPUTERS, consoles and mobile phones mean classic games are being left gathering dust in cupboards.

But timeless favourites like Uno or Monopoly are being shown off in a new exhibition that will have people getting out their old boards, pieces and counters.

Visitors to the Museum of Cannock Chase are trying their hands at some of the best-loved games that would have families sitting around the table to play together – something that is increasingly rare in an era when broadband internet means people can play against strangers on the other side of the world.

Among the selection on display are firm favourites such as dominoes, snakes and ladders and draughts, as well as some lesser-known examples.

Spoil Five, an earlier version of Connect Four, shares similarities with noughts and crosses.

Players take turns placing coloured wooden pegs into round holes cut into the board in an effort to create a line of five without being cut off by their opponent.

Oldest

Mancala is another game that can be found on display at the museum on Valley Road, in Hednesford.

Technically, the word Mancala refers to a family of board games played around the world, in which players plant their 'seeds' in a board filled with holes, then take it in turns to move their counters with the aim of capturing those of their opponent.

It is thought to be possibly the world's oldest board game and there are some 300 variants. Versions have been found in countries as far flung as Namibia and Jordan.

Experts also have their own fond memories of the best pastimes either in the playground or at home. Tom Owen, who ran Cotterills Toy Shop in Bilston for 71 years, said: "In the 1930s it was tops and whips, which was just a wooden top that you used to spin with your hands to get it started and then whip to keep it going.

"Then there was Scalextric and model railways. It's only collectors that are interested in them now though.

"My wife used to go and give talks at schools and people's homes all over the place and people still loved seeing these kinds of toys and playing with them. We went to North Vietnam and the kids were still playing with hoops and sticks, which just goes to show these things still have plenty of entertainment value."

He added: "There is no doubt that times have changed though. I'm afraid the present generation, even my own grandchildren, have far too much."

The game that stood out for Trevor McFarlane, chairman of Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society, was tip cat, which was popular during the 1940s.

He said: "You used to get a small block of wood, about three inches, and you got the pointed end and you balanced it on a brick and hit it with a stick so that it spun in the air. Then you hit it as high as you could.

"It was highly dangerous and un-PC. Things were very simple then."

Yo-yos, marbles and conkers are just some of the other crazes that continue to resurface every few years in playgrounds across the country.

The touring display at the Hednesford museum also features board games based on classic television shows from the 1970s, including On The Buses and Dad's Army, as well as adverts for games by Waddingtons and Spears.

Nicola Bannister, visitor services officer at the museum, said: "It is being very well received so far.

"We have games people can play with as well as look at, and we are getting a complete mix of people because it is school holidays."

The Games We Played exhibition complements a permanent toy show at the Valley Road venue.

It will run until October 11.

Educators, from left, Diane Sanders, Penny Lock and Rachael Gentle enjoy a game of Spoil Five

Diane playing draughts

Snakes and Ladders

The exhibition includes these games based on the television series On the Buses and Dad's Army

NEWS in brief

Bussing in lots of fun for family

FAMILIES, children and adults are being invited by Victory Christian Centre, Rugeley, to have fun on the Kerygma double decker activity bus that will be parked outside Rugeley library on Saturday, between 10am and 2pm.

A range of activities, including games and face painting will be available both on and outside the bus. The arrival of the bus signals the start of Rise up Rugeley, a week-long series of events organised by the centre in Anson Street.

For details log onto www.victorychristiancentre.org.uk or phone 01889 576246

Bake a cake for coffee morning

STAFF at a Cannock clothing shop will be busy baking next week in preparation for the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning.

The six workers at Bon Marche in the shopping centre will be helped out by a number of customers for the event on Friday, September 27. Cakes will be on sale from 9am until 2pm or earlier if they run out.

Manager Vicky Venables said: "We've be doing this for a number of years. Last year we made about £200 for the charity and hope to do even better this time."

Help out charity at curry evening

A FUNDRAISING curry night is being held at a restaurant in aid of the Newlife Foundation.

The Padma Lounge in High Green Court, Cannock, is hosting the event on September 23.

There will be a full menu and live entertainment from singer Darren James. Tickets are £16and half the proceeds will be donated to Newlife, a children's disability charity based in Cannock.

The event has been organised by the restaurant, along with Cannock Shopping Centre manager Natal Chapman. For tickets call 0800 9884640.

Get litter picking

THE Friends of Etching Hill are inviting people to join a one-hour litter pick on Saturday, September 28. Meet at Etching Hill Church Hall at 11am. All equipment is provided and free buffet will follow.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

THE chief constable of Greater Manchester Police recently admitted that his officers only investigate 40 per cent of the crimes reported to them, effectively 'screening out' the majority of cases due to a lack of evidence.

That probably comes as little surprise to anybody who has ever reported a comparatively minor crime over the last few years, and at least Sir Peter Fahy is exhibiting refreshing honesty. Or his he?

The only reason for this question is that the figure is an average for the entire force, which will inevitably mask one or two anomalies.

Say, for instance, you are stuck in traffic because the council had decided to dig the road up again for the umpteenth time, and concerned you will be late for an appointment at work, you take the liberty of phoning the office while at the wheel of a stationery car. What would you say are the odds of that offence being 'screened out' by the boys in blue?

You don't need to be a hardened cynic to suspect that the odds of that offence being processed through the courts is pretty close to five in five. And no doubt it is the same with countless other trivial motoring offences, where there is no real threat to public safety.

Which, of course means, that if the police in Manchester only pursue, on average, two in five of the offences which come to their attention, the reality is that probably for the trickier, more labour intensive investigations is closer to one in 10. Still, good to know we have our priorities right.

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IT REALLY says it all when two-thirds of men bemoan the loss of having a space to call their own, because the missus has now taken over the garage.

According to a new survey, only 28 per cent of domestic garages are now used for storing or maintaining the family car, with the vast majority being used for storing household junk. The pollsters have even come up with a funky new name, 'Garage grabbing' they have branded it.

Of course it would help if it weren't for the fact that most modern garages barely have enough room in which to swing a cat, yet alone perform an oil change. But if the study is to be believed, modern menfolk are not happy about it at all.

Half of the men surveyed said they would do more DIY if they had the space in which to work, and four in 10 said they had fond memories of working with their fathers or grandfathers as children, and yearned to do the same with their own offspring.

By the way, if you're wondering who commissioned this research which uncovered the nation's love of car maintenance projects, it was Halfords, which boasts 'one of the UK's biggest and best selections of car parts and car spares'. You don't say.

Lisa Powell, aged 24, owner of LP's Paradise in the Victorian Arcade, Walsall town centre

Simon Malpas owner of Oldies Unlimited in Darlington Street Wolverhampton keeps lots of vinyl

One of the classic albums on vinyl The Beatles and Sgt Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band

Just for the record, vinyl has turntables on the CD

The vinyl countdown has been stopped and as CATHERINE DALTON found out more people are putting the needle back on the record

THE tables are turning for vinyl as independent record shops across the West Midlands enjoy a boom.

Two years ago, experts predicted vinyl records would die out within five years, unable to compete with the internet and its endless supply of hits and cheap downloads.

But now, vinyl is back in the groove, with sales enjoying a 78 per cent increase in the first few months of the year.

Independent record shops are also said to be thriving, accounting for more than 50 per cent of all vinyl records sold nationwide.

Furthermore, in the Black Country, new independent record stores have been springing up – including LP's Paradise in Walsall and Vinyl and Vintage in Wolverhampton.

Old-fashioned

But just why are music lovers shunning CDs, downloads and iPods in favour of good old-fashioned LPs?

For Claire Howell, co-owner of Vinyl and Vintage in Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton, vinyl has an enduring appeal.

"I think a lot of younger people are now starting to buy vinyl but for me, it's never really gone away," she said. "With more artists releasing on vinyl again, it's encouraging people to go back to it.

"I think people have all got a bit bored of the downloading, it's a bit clinical. You press a button and buy it and listen to it. But with CDs and iPods you can skip tracks. One of the beautiful things about vinyl is you're more likely to sit and listen to a whole album because you can't really skip tracks."

Miss Howell, who has been selling vinyl for around 25 years but opened Vinyl and Vintage in January, said some artists were still committed to making their records with vinyl records in mind.

What goes around comes around – Claire Howell sells records at Vinyl and Vintage, Cleveland Street in Wolverhampton

"Paul Weller still designs his albums by thinking of it in vinyl and the fact there are different sides to the album," she said. "Jack White is also a big advocate of vinyl."

Figures released by the BPI, which represents the British music industry, showed that 337,000 vinyl LPs were sold in the UK last year – the highest since 2005. Record Store Day, a now annual event which sees independent record stores across the country team up with artists to celebrate music, has also been credited. It sees artists release special vinyl and CD releases for the day. Independent record stores have also seen an increase in overall sales.

The Entertainment Retailers Association says indies saw a 44 per cent rise in sales in the first half of 2013. Paul Quirk, chairman, said: "Although the odds are stacked against them, indies have fought back."

Independent record store LP's Paradise opened in Walsall's Victorian Arcade recently and shop owner Lisa Powell today said things are going really well.

"There has been a lot of interest in the brand new vinyls we sell but also in the reissues we have," said the 24-year-old, who has lived in Walsall for around 10 years.

"Vinyl's definitely getting a bigger following. We're seeing a bigger increase in vinyl sales than we are in CDs.

"I think part of it is that with vinyl, people feel they are getting more for their money. You get the artwork, you get an insert, there just seems to be more to it.

"I think it's a mix of value for money but also nostalgia," she added. Miss Powell said that in some cases, music lovers come in looking for the vinyl copies of albums they already own on CD or as a download.

Collector

She opened the store after spotting a gap in the market. "I'm a collector myself and when HMV closed down, there was nowhere to go in Walsall," she said.

"Walsall deserves a record store of its own." The shop specialises in rock and heavy metal.

Simon Malpas, who runs Oldies Unlimited in Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, believes that vinyl has a lasting quality.

"I don't think it's become more popular, I just think it's been brought more to the public's attention, but it's never really gone away. The appeal of vinyl is that it is nostalgia – it's a chance to remember the sounds of the music you listened to when you were growing up," he said.

Michael Jackson's Thriller is believed to top the list of the biggest-selling vinyl albums ever. Heavy metal icons AC/DC, Fleetwood Mac and, of course, The Beatles are also consistently in the top 10.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

COUNCIL highways chiefs confirmed the final line of the £40,000 Black Country Route, despite mounting demands to switch the road away from two schools. The scheme was opposed by some Bilston residents as the route passed next to Hall Green and Holy Trinity schools.

A WALSALL church called in an art expert to assess the deterioration of its prized 90-year-old murals. Parishioners at St Micheal the Archangel in Rushall took action after the E Reginald Frampton wall paintings began to fade away.

A TEENAGER from Bilston became the first female in 30 years to sign up for a bricklaying course at her local college. Elizabeth Rothen joined 18 men on the course which she described as "a challenge."

1993...

A TOP astrologer rated as the best-known stargazer in the English-speaking world joined the ranks of the Express & Star. Patric Walker replaced the outgoing Russell Grant who left to focus on his TV commitments in America.

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Wulfrun Hall faced queues of eager blood donors thanks to an offer from Bank's Brewery. The brewery offered a free can of Banks's Mild in exchange for every pint of blood in an effort to bolster supplies of blood in local hospitals.

ROMANCE was in the air in the Express & Star in Wolverhampton when its newsroom was used as the setting for a TV love story. A BBC film crew mingled with reporters and sub-editors to record scenes for Good Morning's A Touch of Love slot.

2003...

ONE of Wolverhampton's oldest working men's clubs celebrated its 100th anniversary – two years late. Members at Jones Road Working Men's Club in Bushbury only discovered the club was founded in 1901 after searching through council archives.

BILLIONAIRE Chelsea boss Roman Abramovich flew into the city by helicopter as Wolves rolled out the red carpet for the most-expensively assembled team in British football history. Many Wolves fans to witness the arrival and just as many left early as their team lose 5-0.

A BLACK Country football club was very much a family affair. Sunday Beacon Premier League team Tipton Town Sports featured four sets of brothers and their cousins, managed by the father of one pair of brothers.

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NEWS

New dementia centre to have its official opening

A NEW resource centre for people with dementia and other complex needs was due to open in Cannock today (Thursday).

Sir Julian House is the latest expansion of Day Opportunities by Age UK South Staffordshire. The opening was due to be performed by Councillor Ian Lawson, chairman of Staffordshire County Council, and Hazel Moss, chairman of Age UK South Staffordshire.

Sir Julian House is at Walsall Road, Bridgetown, and extends and complement Day Opportunity facilities in Penkridge and Tamworth.

The centre provides a resource for people who can benefit from a variety of therapeutic activities, which include quizzes, craft sessions, music, reminiscence therapy, doll therapy, sing songs, games and trips out.

Day Opportunities also provide respite for carers who often are better able to cope with what can be a demanding role when they know those that they care for are in safe hands and able to undertake vital errands and activities away from the home.

Demand

Nick Maslen, chief executive of Age UK South Staffordshire, said: "We know there is demand in Cannock for day opportunities for older people with complex needs and the resources at Sir Julian House enable flexibility and tailored support.

"The investment we have made in Cannock and this location in particular builds on the knowledge and experience we have developed supporting guests with complex needs across three sites and many years.

"We know carers need to have confidence in both the facilities and staff and we can provide this together with a flexible combination of days available for care and transport provided door to door. It extends our provision and enables a much wider group of people to access the all important services."

Landlady swaps pints for water walk

A PUB landlady has been taking a break from pulling pints – but she has not been putting her feet up.

Julie Daines pulled on her boots and set off on a non-stop 62-mile charity walk from Putney Bridge in London on Saturday morning.

She was joined by more than 1,000 others on the Thames Path Challenge as they made their way to Henley-on-Thames, where they finished the walk on Sunday.

Mrs Daines, who runs The Mary Rose in Moon's Lane, Cheslyn Hay with her husband John, is hoping to raise more than £1,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

She said before the start: "We'll be walking more than two marathons in one go."

The walk was organised by event planners Action Challenge.

Anyone who wants to donate to Mrs Daines can go to www.justgiving.com/julie-daines

Julie Daine before her walk along The Thames to raise money for charity

LETTERS

Sad over prejudice against travellers

AFTER reading the lead story in The Chronicle of September 5 (Gipsy site plan given boot), I was absolutely infuriated at the sheer arrogance of 'our' local councillors in the Penkridge area.

"Not one of the 10,000 people who live in Penkridge want that site there" - a sweeping statement at best! I don't recall being asked my opinion of the travellers' site off the A449. Might I suggest that our views are grossly misrepresented and if I may speak on behalf of my family – because I've asked them – we have no issue with the travelling community.

These travellers are families, the children are fully integrated in the local school communities and they are patrons of local businesses.

It's sad that we experience this discrimination on our doorsteps. It's worse that our local councillors lead the campaign of hate with such misleading rhetoric.

K WILLIAMS
Penkridge

Waste plant issue about lives and welfare

MYSELF and several other Huntington residents attended a meeting in Stafford, where the extension of a planning application was discussed.

If it were to go ahead it would see an anaerobic digestion/biomass recycling facility being constructed just a few hundred metres from the village centre, less than 400 metres from new residential dwellings and less than 500 metres from a primary school.

I came away feeling completely let down by the way certain members of the committee failed to consider the health and welfare of young children who would be breathing in fumes from wagons travelling to and from the site as well as from the potentially lethal cocktails of gases that will be omitted from the plant.

There is a similar type of recycling plant in Cannock which from day one has been plagued with issues regarding the control of its emissions.

The Cannock site is operated by a very large company with years of expertise and knowledge of recycling, which begs the question if they can't get it right can we trust a company whose expertise is demolition to run an operation like this safely?

These plants are in operation around the world, but are situated a great distance from populated areas.

If the applicant Mr Humphries, who does not live in the village, or even the district, thinks it is such a fantastic idea why does he not want to build it on his own doorstep? This issue is not a game, it is about people's lives and welfare.

MARK HOUGH
Huntington

Platelets vital to a patient's recovery

IN 2010 I became a platelet donor, one of only 14,000 nationwide. I have so far made 55 double-value, triple-harvest donations. Because of recovery and platelet replacement periods, donations can be given every two weeks.

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J R MIZEN, Cannock

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Memory walk invitation

I AM writing on behalf of Alzheimer's Society to invite readers to take part in Memory Walk – our charity's flagship fundraiser in support of people living with dementia and their carers. This year's Cannock Chase Memory Walk starts at the Visitor Centre and has a choice of three nature walks through on Saturday, September 21. There will be refreshments and entertainment available afterwards. To sign up, visit **memorywalk.org.uk/cannockchase**

EMMA DOWLER,
Alzheimer's Society Community Fundraiser

Swapping parties is on the rise

IN response to Mr Delanty's letter of September 5. I was your District Councillor from 2006-10 and I thought I would look into this matter.

Unfortunately there is nothing that Rawnsley residents can do to remove your new UKIP councillor until the district council elections next May. Your UKIP councillor would have to either resign from the council, get disqualified (through bankruptcy or a criminal conviction), not attend any council meetings for six months or pass on to the great Euro free zone in the sky before a by-election could be called.

The trend of swapping political parties seems on the rise at the moment and I wonder if some councillors are just trying to jump on the latest popular bandwagon to get re-elected. My advice would be to do a little research on the candidates before you vote for them and then vote for the person (not party) who you feel will best represent your views.

DARRELL MAWLE
Hednesford

Hypocrite demands her beliefs followed

JEM Henderson, the atheist who complained about Harrogate Guides' desire to continue using the original Girl Guides promise doesn't think that will be any problem with her working at the group as "they're Christians, therefore they're capable of turning the other cheek."

I don't believe she'll be there for very long – not because of the Christians, but because of what comes out of her mouth, like: "More leaders that are younger and perhaps less stuck in their ways should make Guiding more exciting for people that want to join that don't just want to go and sit in a church hall with women who are older than their mothers talking about whatever it is they're talking about."

This woman is hypocritical enough not to have a problem in being part of a church based group, but demands that everyone in that group should follow her religious intolerance. How many people, with or without faith, would like to rely on this woman to teach their children morality, tolerance or anything else for that matter?

CHRIS BATES
Burntwood

Tea break fundraiser

I AM asking readers with a sweet tooth to support people with epilepsy and get involved in National Tea and Cake Break on Friday, October 18. There are all sorts of ways to participate, from a cup of tea and a cupcake in your kitchen with friends to an office tea party or school bake sale.

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NEWS

New gallery will dig into the area's mining history

An artist's impression shows how the new mining gallery at the Museum of Cannock Chase could look

THIS striking image shows how a new mining gallery will look if plans are given the go-ahead.

The interactive gallery at the Museum of Cannock Chase – Mining Moments – is set to give an insight into the district's history of coal mining.

It is hoped the gallery – due to encompass a 'day in the life of a miner' – will be opened by next Easter, with work set to begin by Christmas.

The gallery, which will be located in the space where the current dated mining gallery now sits, will include a crawl-through tunnel as well as a whole host of interactive multi-media displays and a chance to explore features of the mines. Mining Moments is being funded by a £97,600 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

County archaeologist for Staffordshire, Stephen Dean, described the project as 'exciting' and said he 'could not imagine a better place' for such a display.

"Cannock has such an illustrious mining heritage, so it's great to see it being commemorated in this way," said Mr Dean.

Involved

"I can't think of a better place than Cannock Chase Museum to house something like this. This is all part of the area's history and it's very important we understand how people from our past worked."

Local people will be encouraged to get involved in the project by sharing their memories and other stories from the coal mining era and volunteers will be recruited to help with this research.

An education package will be created too, to ensure people of all ages get the maximum benefit from their experience at the museum.

Cabinet member for culture and sport at Cannock Chase Council, Christine Mitchell, said: "The Mining Memories project is very important to the people in the district, who may have worked or had relatives who have worked in the coal mines.

"The project will ensure that a vital piece of history is available for future generations to learn about the heritage of the district."

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NEWS

Parklife as children's play area revamped

Youngsters on the equipment at the newly-revamped play area in Wrights Avenue, Chadsmoor

MORE than 30 children helped give their local play area a facelift. The youngsters, from the Redhill Primary School area in Chadsmoor, took charge of revamping the site in Wrights Avenue.

The 'Painting the Park' project was co-ordinated and delivered by Community Wellbeing Arts, of Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust, after consultation highlighted the need to improve the appearance of the play equipment as a priority.

Children from the estate decided upon an 'under the sea' theme, and used stencils to turn the dated park equipment – which has been subject to graffiti and rust – into a vibrant and colourful place to play.

The young people aged 16 plus, volunteered 30 hours as part of achieving their National Service Citizenship, a scheme through which they aim to mae a difference to their community.

Co-ordinator Lisa Shephard said: "The children thoroughly enjoyed the project, and all felt proud of what they had achieved."

Bull crushed farm worker, inquest told

A DAIRY farm worker was crushed to death by a bull, an inquest heard. James Leech was caught in a pen with an angry bull at Dunston Dairy Farm near Penkridge.

The animal – named Network – had been put into the yard with a herd of cows but for reasons unknown on July 9 last year he turned on Mr Leech.

He 'rammed' Mr Leech against a gate several times before being shouted at by a fellow worker who reached the victim too late.

Mr Leech was airlifted to University Hospital of North Staffordshire with multiple injuries and emergency surgery was carried out. He died eight days later.

Cattle

The 75-year-old from Dunston had worked with cattle his whole working life, the inquest heard, and despite having had a stroke and a hip replacement he chose to continue working at the farm run by Betholt Ltd.

The incident was investigated by the Health and Safety Executive which served the farm with an enforcement notice on August 13, 2012, after it emerged none of the herding staff were aware of any risk assessments in place. The order, requesting a risk assessment be carried out for the safe handling of cattle, was complied with soon after. Speaking at the inquest,

HSE investigator Wayne Owen said despite the bull never having attacked anyone previously, it had displayed signs of aggression on two occasions – one of snarling and another when he lowered his head, a sure sign of aggression.

The HSE says it will determine whether to take further action.

The jury, sitting at the Staffordshire County Council buildings, returned a verdict of accidental death.

South Staffordshire Coroner Andrew Haigh said: "I hope lessons have been learned from this."

by Kirsten Rawlins

Take coins to be valued

OLD coins can be taken along to be valued in Penkridge today (Thursday). A coin valuation day is taking place at Cuttlestones Auctioneers and Valuers in Pinfold Lane, from 10am to 3pm. Specialist Adrian Simmons will be on hand to offer his expert opinion. He said he expected to see British coins from the 19th and 20th centuries being brought along, which can range in value from pence to thousands of pounds depending on their rarity and condition. He added: "Almost every household probably has some old coins lying about."

NEWS

Police chased burglar at 110mph along motorway

Burglar Don Milligan – jailed for more than five years

A SERIAL burglar chased by police down the M6 Toll at more than 100mph has been jailed for five years and eight months. Don Milligan smashed through a toll booth barrier, accelerated to 110mph and undertook traffic using the hard shoulder at 90mph.

by Laura Blyth

Police started to pursue a Peugeot driven by Milligan after it was stolen in a car-key burglary at a house in Heath Hayes.

The police had to abandon the pursuit because it was too dangerous, but a police helicopter had seen Milligan abandon the car on a service area and run off.

He was found hiding under some tarpaulin and was arrested.

Milligan, aged 30, of Cherry Tree Road, Norton Canes, admitted charges of burglary, driving while disqualified and dangerous driving.

Reckless

He asked for one other offence of burglary to be considered.

Judge Paul Glenn told him: "You are a persistent burglar. You went out that night intending to steal.

"You have shown little or no inclination to change your ways.

"You drove in a highly dangerous and reckless manner designed to evade arrest."

The court heard that the defendant had a string of previous convictions for house burglaries and was out on licence from his last four year term imposed in 2011 when he committed these offences.

Mr Hugh O'Brien-Quinn, prosecuting, said the burglary was in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes.

The householder was woken up at around 5am on August 19 to see her Peugeot being driven up the road.

It was spotted by the toll road camera about an hour later after Milligan joined the toll at Cannock.

Milligan also asked for a burglary of a house in Burntwood in which he stole jewellery belonging to the householder's deceased husband to be taken into consideration.

Miss Sarah Buckingham, defending, said: "This is a man who has never grown up, who finds prison easier than on the outside.

"Although the victim's home had been invaded, there was no ransacking of the premises, he had slipped in to the house, taken the keys and the car.

"His intention was to return to Scotland."

Church to hold market

A MINI market is being held at Great Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church, Walsall Road, on Saturday from 10.30am to noon. Stalls will include a raffle, bric-a-brac, tombola, groceries, cakes and local crafts. It is hoped there will also be a farm fresh fruit and vegetable stall. Refreshments will be available, including bacon butties. Admission is free and all proceeds will go to for church funds.

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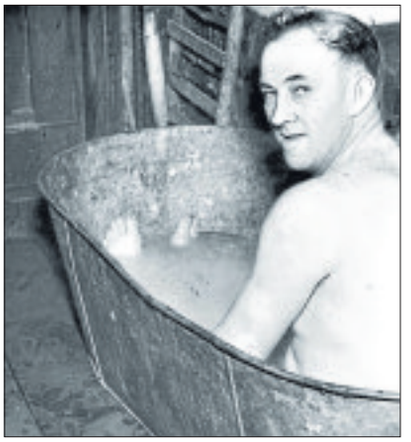
Historian reveals tragic story of pictured miner



Tragic miner Len Westwood has a bath after a shift

The private mine where Len Westwood possibly worked

IT looks like a fun picture from the 1940s of a miner enjoying a bath. But there may have been a tragic sequel.

Our sister paper, the *Express & Star*, used this photo in its Neighbourhood News feature.

The original caption to the photo from 1947 said: "Mr Len Westwood in the pithead bath – a tin bath in the farm kitchen – at the Caddick Farm colliery, Lower Landywood."

And when Alex Smith saw it, the name immediately jumped out at him.

Former miner Mr Smith, of Winstanley Place, Rugeley, said: "I've almost finished a local history of coal mining in Cannock Chase.

"Your photo was from 1947, and in 1949 Len Westwood was killed at Caddick Farm colliery.

"I think they were lining the shaft and he was at the bottom looking up and some masonry or brickwork came on top of him.

Private

"The reason I recognised the name is that I have done a roll of honour at the back of the book for all the men killed in the Cannock Chase coalfield from 1947 to 1993.

"Because it was a private mine there would have been between six and nine people working there, so it's very long odds it isn't him."

Mr Smith, who is 57, was a miner for 20 years. He worked at Lea Hall Colliery, and later in the rescue service in Yorkshire.

The Caddick Farm colliery was not part of his researches for his book and he knows little about it.

Mr Smith also emailed a photo which might show the private mine at which Len Westwood worked.

"It is dated September 2, 1947, giving the location as Broad Lane, which is in Landywood, Cannock." he adds.

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NEWS

Cheers says licensee to £260k revamp for pub

A PUB in Cannock which is more than 150 years old will undergo a major refurbishment to 'drag it into the year 2014' and create 11 jobs.

Around £250,000 will be spent on improvements at The Shoal Hill Tavern, Sandy Lane.

Work is scheduled to begin on September 29 and a reopening party is being organised for October 25.

The refurbishment will involve a complete revamp of the pub's kitchen, toilets and restaurant.

Licensee Doug Wilkinson, aged 54, said: "It is going to totally transform the whole pub, dragging it into the year 2014 but still keeping its nice country character and feel."

The pub currently employs 14 staff and the reopening is expected to create another 11.

Heading

Mr Wilkinson, who took over the pub in November, said: "Before I arrived, business had suffered over the past several years and was only heading downwards.

"They were even talking about turning it back into a house at one point.

"But we've got it heading in the right direction now and we've laid the foundations for things to come."

The Thwaites pub is more than 150 years old and some parts – certain walls and the chimney – are subject to preservation orders.

The pub will host a celebration on its closing day, with a live Irish band.

Mr Wilkinson, who also runs the Red Lion, Brereton, said: "It is a bit of an end of an era for some people because the pub has been here so long."

He added: "We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back after the work is finished."

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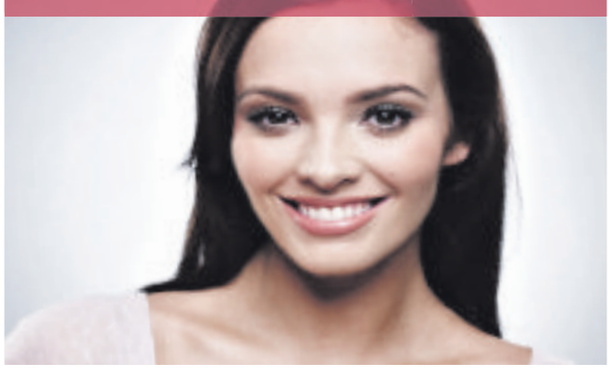

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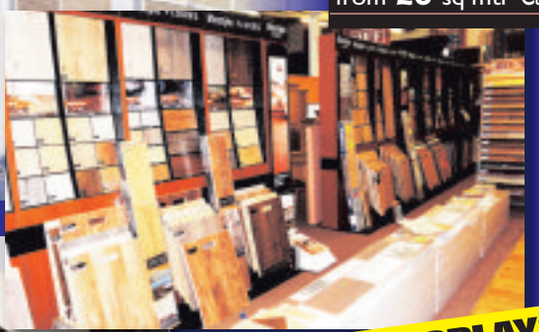

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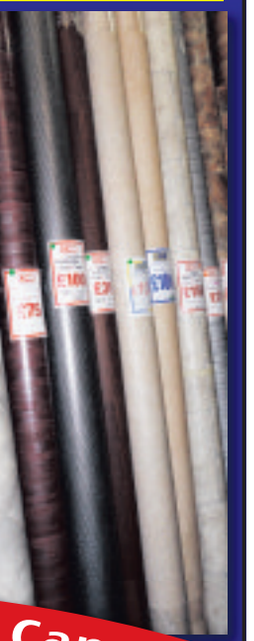

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NEWS

Tailbacks for drivers as bridge closed for repairs

The Old Hednesford Road bridge which is undergoing repairs and is causing tailbacks for motorists

A £500,000 scheme to improve a bridge in Cannock is causing tailbacks for drivers.

The project is being carried out by Network Rail after the Old Hednesford Road bridge was 'repeatedly' hit by oversized vehicles.

The bridge is closed to drivers for the duration of the two-month scheme and motorists have been caught up in delays.

The work intends to strengthen the bridge to safeguard rail services along the Cannock line, which runs between Rugeley and Birmingham.

Network Rail said the bridge had a history of being struck by oversized vehicles, despite warning signs.

Strength

It added the work would reduce the risk of a bridge strike in the future and also would also increase the strength of the bridge.

The firm plans to alter the design of the bridge by removing the supports, which it says were driven into on a number of occasions. Network Rail said it was working with the council to minimise disruption to motorists.

The work is expected to make sure the bridge is suitable and safe for up to another 50 years.

The Old Hednesford Road bridge was badly damaged in October 2010 after a lorry collided with it.

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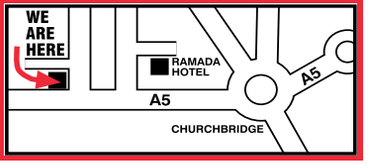

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CLUB NEWS

By George – Royal birth is celebrated

GREAT WYRLEY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE August meeting was opened by chairman Bette Webb who read a poem called Fragrance of Summer.

Members were delighted to see a celebration cake for the birth of Prince George and enjoyed a slice of beautiful fruit cake with their cup of tea or coffee.

Two letters of thanks were read from Great Wyrley Stroke Association and Turners Butchers on behalf of Children's Cancer Leukemia Group in memory of Emily Bails for the donations received.

Three new members joined making a total of 111 members.

Vice-chairman Pam Ball presented 25 year badges and certificates to Margaret Seed and Greta Bishop.

Speaker Audrey Hall gave a very interesting and amusing talk on 'Taking Shirley Valentine to Greece'.

A vote of thanks was given by Bette Webb. Pat Jones, social secretary, informed members of forthcoming outings to Tutbury Castle, Chatsworth House, and Nottingham for Christmas shopping.

The cake produced to mark the birth of Prince George

The Luncheon Club will meet again on October 9. South Staffs Federation are holding an Arts and Crafts afternoon on November 9 and a lunch at The Terrace Restaurant at Brownhills on October 24 and a Carol Service on December 7 at Shelfield Church.

National chairman Margaret Key will attend next month's meeting when the guild's choir will be singing.

New members and visitors are always welcome on the second Tuesday in the month at Wyrley Wesley Church at 7.30pm.

Illustrated talk given on Pagets

LANDOR (LOCAL HISTORY) SOCIETY

THIRTY one members were present for a visit to Beaudesert on August 21.

Mike Street, chairman of the Friends of Beaudesert, told the group that the aims of the trust were to stabilise and preserve the ruins for future generations and bring out and tell the stories of the people of Beaudesert.

The visit commenced with a walk around the estate, stopping at the site of the walled garden. Then it was on to the ruins of the hall which are thought to date back to the 14th century.

After the dissolution of the monasteries, Henry VIII conveyed the property to Sir William Paget. The estate was owned by generations of the Paget family until 1935 when, due to the burdens of taxation, huge tracts of land were sold and after the sale of valuable items from the interior the fabric of the hall was demolished because no buyer could be found.

After a walk to the terrace, the group then returned to the chapel where refreshments were served and Mike gave an illustrated talk showing how the hall used to be when still occupied by the Paget family.

The group will return to Snowlands in September for Catherine Cartwright's talk on Barnett and Barker, Tinmen of the Trent Valley.

New members welcomed

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NEWS

New cross trainer aids heart patients

Clinical exercise physiologist Ian Swift, Graham Johnstone of Healthy Heart and Colin Averis, of Keiser UK Ltd

MEMBERS of support group for people with heart problems have welcomed the arrival of a new cross-trainer for hospital patients.

The Cardiac Rehab Group at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust organised a number of fundraisers to generate money for the device.

Manufacturing company Keiser UK Ltd delivered the cross-trainer to the cardiac rehab gym at Cannock Chase Hospital free of charge.

Maria Glover, cardiac rehabilitation manager at the NHS trust, said: "Our patients have really enjoyed using the cross-trainer whilst reaping the benefits of the workout."

The Healthy Heart group was set up to give extra support to patients. It has been managed by a team of volunteers and members of the hospital trust's cardiac rehabilitation unit for 25 years.

Topics at the monthly meetings include diet, exercise and stress management. Those interested should call 01785 230110.

MP claims are defended as running costs

MPs have defended their latest expenses claims, calling for constituents to accept that they were necessary running costs.

Figures show 19 MPs from across the Black Country, south Staffordshire and Wyre Forest received £724,998.35 between them on top of their annual salaries of £65,738.

by Dan Wainwright

Tory MP Michael Fabricant, who represents Burntwood as part of his Lichfield constituency, claimed £24,761.46, a figure that puts him at the lower end of the scale. He said: "I do not know why these costs are called 'expenses'.

"To me, expenses are where you take a client out for dinner with a nice glass of wine or two and we've never been allowed to do that anyway.

System

"These are operating costs for running an office. It's to cover staff salaries and photocopying toner and the like."

Nationally, the cost of MPs expenses rose seven per cent over the last year despite a new system set up to bring the cost down.

Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley claimed £61,487.04, Stone's Bill Cash received £56,059.10 and Stafford's Jeremy Lefroy was paid £33,909.79. All three have been involved in the campaign to save and retain services at Stafford and Cannock hospitals.

Mr Lefroy has previously spoken of the need for MPs to have an extra fund to help cover the costs of keeping constituents informed about major issues. He employed an extra member of staff whom he pays out of his own pocket to work on Stafford Hospital matters.

Mr Cash and Mr Lefroy have also had to work on the controversial HS2 rail line which will cut through their constituencies. They have been handling residents' concerns about the matter.

Mr Burley, who includes costs for running his constituency base in High Green, claimed £21,929.84 for accommodation and £23,063.85 in office costs. Staffing came to £9,610 and travel to £6,409.07.

South Staffordshire Conservative Gavin Williamson claimed £49,790.99.

Pub chain in price drop

JD WETHERSPOON pubs in Cannock and Rugeley are to cut the price of all food and drink by 7.5 per cent for a day. The move is in protest against high VAT rates. The Linford Arms, Cannock and The Plaza, Rugeley are backing national Tax Parity Day on Wednesday, September 25. It is aimed at highlighting the benefit of a VAT reduction in the hospitality industry. Wetherspoon's prices will be reduced to show the benefits of a VAT reduction to five per cent. Food and drink in pubs is currently subject to 20 per cent VAT.

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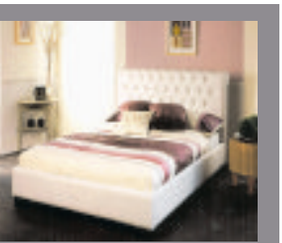

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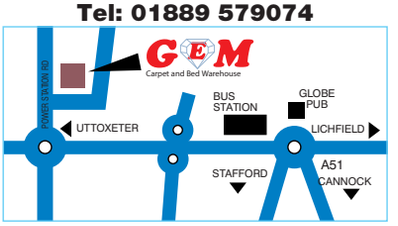

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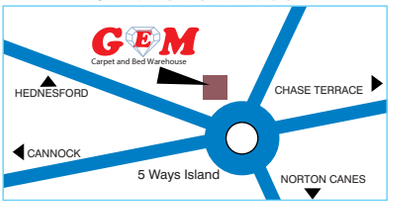

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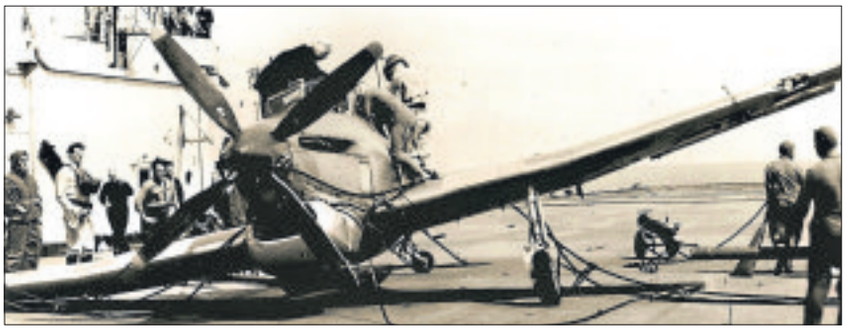

Aircrew gather around a Sea Balliol after it suffered an undercarriage collapse landing on an aircraft carrier

A Balliol – an advanced trainer – is seen here being test flown from Pendeford

A Balliol preserved in the Sri Lankan Air Museum

The largest surviving part of an RAF Balliol, a cockpit being restored by Staffordshire Aircraft Restoration Team

Balliol brought end to aircraft building

ON 26th October 1954 the last aircraft ever made by Boulton Paul Aircraft flew for the first time.

by Alec Brew

It was a Sea Balliol, serial WP333 built for the Fleet Air Arm, and was also the last British aircraft to be powered by the famous Rolls-Royce Merlin engine.

This was the engine that had powered the Spitfire and Hurricane in the Battle of Britain.

Boulton Paul had been building aircraft since 1915, firstly in Norwich, and then, from 1936, at Pendeford.

At the end of April the factory at Pendeford was finally emptied ready for redevelopment and an era had come to an end.

The Balliol was an advanced trainer, originally for the Royal Air Force, and initially to be powered by a turbo-prop engine, a jet engine driving a propeller.

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This was an engine Boulton Paul was to be fitting to aircraft longer than any other manufacturer, beginning with the first Defiant fighter in 1937, then the 1062 Defiants and 692 Fairey Barracudas during the Second World War.

It was followed with the Balliol, which, as yet another footnote to aviation history, was the last British piston-engined advanced trainer.

Boulton Paul hoped for orders for 700 Balliols, but in the end only 229 of all versions were built, as the Air Ministry decided to switch to an all-jet training syllabus.

The Balliol equipped one Flying Training School at RAF Cottesmore, and the RAF College at Cranwell, but after around three years was largely retired.

In fact 15 Balliols were scrapped before ever being issued to a unit.

Apart from the RAF and 30 for the Fleet Air Arm, which used them for rather longer, the only other orders for the aircraft were 12 for Ceylon, now Sri Lanka.

After WP333 was delivered the company switched to sub-contracting work, building parts for other aircraft, and the design and production of power control units, the sphere in which it was to specialise.

Now, even the factory where they were built is likely to disappear

The last surviving Sea Balliol is pictured at RAF Cosford

A Balliol in service with 288 Squadron, Royal Air Force – Boulton Paul had hoped to produce 700 planes but only 229 were made

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NEWS

Mini fans take show to the max

Proud woner Stuart Hancock with his 2002 Mini Cooper S at the Big Mini Show, which was held in Penkridge

HUNDREDS of Mini enthusiasts descended on Penkridge to show off their motors at the weekend.

Around 250 cars, old and new, were on display at fans' first Big Mini Show.

There were around 17 clubs from across the UK including Scotland, London and the Midlands who displayed their motors yesterday.

Around 700 mini fans braved the wet weather to display or view the cars.

Among those at the event at Penkridge Market was Mark Gameson, of the Carry on Min'in club which has members from across the region – and as far afield as Holland.

The 33-year-old of Adam Street, Kidderminster, brought along his rare Downton Touring which he bought for £17,000, 14 years ago.There are only five in circulation and he had spent up to £6,000 sprucing up the motor.

The club meets in Pedmore and he said there was a special attraction to the Mini. Mr Gameson, who works in joinery, said: "People come and talk to you, you make people smile if you have got a Mini. There is the history there, 1959 was the first one and they are still in production now."

Geoff Walker looks at his 2012 GP mini, one of only 200 in the UK

Father-of-two Stuart Hancocks displayed his Mini Cooper S which he has spent time doing up.

He has owned it for 11 years and said although the re-sale value would be quite low, it was something he enjoyed.

The 45-year-old from Wyre Forest, said: "It is just the fun factor of a Mini. The first time I went out in one I was hooked. They are just so adaptable, they are so attractive. I have been to shows before but haven't put it on show. I haven't known what the standards are."

Geoff Walker has owned both old and new type Minis over a period of around 15 years. The father-of-two from Codsall, who owns an aquatics shop, now has a Mini GP, of which there were only 200 made in the UK.

"They are all different, it is very rare you see two alike. Everyone wants to try to get their Mini looking a little bit different," he said.

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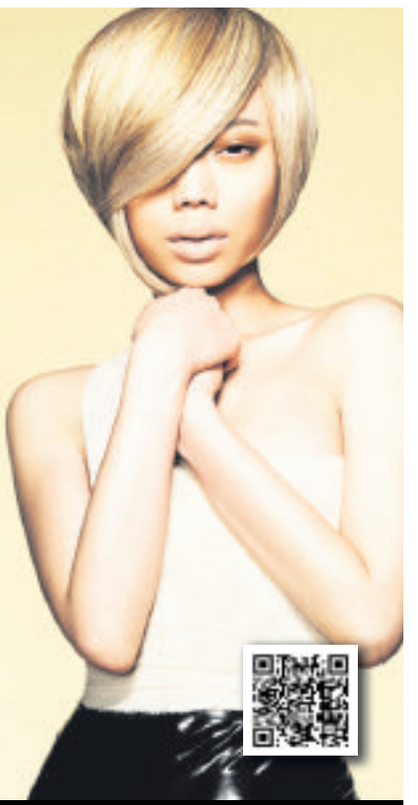

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NEWS

Olympic swimmer to make splash at centre's opening

The pool at Chase Leisure Centre – to be formally unveiled next weekend

Rebecca Adlington

OLYMPIC Gold medallist Reb-ecca Adlington will be among the guests as Chase Leisure Centre's £6million revamp is officially unveiled.

Adlington will join fellow Great Britain swimmer Emma Wilkins, who grew up in Cannock, for a family activity day at the Stafford Road centre next Saturday (September 28).

It will offer a variety of free sessions including aerobics, netball, football coaching, roller skating, go-karting and trampolining. There will also be a special offer on the day for people wanting to sign up for centre membership.

The event runs from 10am-3pm, with Adlington giving a motivational speech at the official opening ceremony at 11.30am.

Lessons

Visitors will have the chance to talk to the star swimmers at a 'meet and greet' session between 1.30 and 2.15pm. There are a limited number of places are available for people to take part in swimming lessons given by Adlington and Wilkins. Call the centre on 01543 504065 to book.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, Leader of Culture and Sport for Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am absolutely delighted that Rebecca and Emma are able to join us for the official opening of Chase Leisure Centre."

Stuart Murray, Chief Executive at leisure and culture provider WLCT, said: "Cannock Chase Council's investment into this project shows its commitment to providing high quality leisure facilities for residents."

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NEWS

Big break for bands as they get support roles

TWO Cannock rock bands will be supporting up and coming group Marmozets at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Friday.

Marmozets are getting airplay on Radio 1 and this is a big show for Lightfire and the Mercians.

Lightfire are a five-piece alternative rock band who were established in 2011.

Band members are vocalist Scott Sieradzki, bassist Lee Nightingale, drummer Dave Johnson and guitarists Rich Bates and Rich Walton.

In their short existence the boys have supported The Xcerts and been on the same bill as INME and The Skints.

Lee said of Friday's show: "Marmozets are currently getting airplay on Radio 1 and Lightfire are really excited to be playing this show as it's a big opportunity for us."

Started

Earlier this year the lads were handpicked by Kerrang Radio's Johnny Doom to play Kerrang's K!trl Alt Del Alternative rock night.

They have also received numerous airplays and studio interviews on Kerrang Radio, Absolute Radio and the BBC introducing show.

The Mercians started out in 2012, and after their first gig this year they were played on Kerrang Radio.

They are made up of Dan Fenton and Rob Higho on guitars, vocalist Matt Smith, bass guitarist Ritchie Sieradzki, the brother of Lightfire's Scott, and Stefan Fjord on drums.

The Mercians have since released an EP, and their new single, Research Fellas, will be out in autumn. They will be playing new material from their forthcoming album across the country.

Collection makes £109

VOLUNTEERS collected £108 for the charity Compassion in World Farming in Rugeley on August 10. The organisation campaigns for better animal welfare.

Sofa, so good for charity

On the back row, Ian Neath and Nathan Heeley, left, and Pete Bent, second right, take part on the charity sofa raft *Picture: Daniel Lynch*

THREE members of staff from a Cannock furniture store took to the water to raise money for charity.

They joined colleagues from DFS stores across the country to take on on the London 2012 Olympic white water rafting course to raise money, as part of the furniture retailer's bid to raise more than £1 million for the charity this year.

Keen to go the extra mile, they even managed to mount a DFS sofa, which employees recently carried up the three peaks, on one of the rafts.

Nathan Healey, Ian Neath and Pete Bent took part in challenge.

Ian said: "I feel very proud to be raising money for BBC Children in Need, it's a fantastic organisation that does so much to support local charities all over the UK – including those right here in Cannock.

"The white water rafting challenge was really tough but a lot of fun, and it was a honour to grace the same course as Team GB's Olympians.

"We even managed to mount a DFS sofa on the raft!"

Carrie Green, head of partnerships at BBC Children in Need said: "We are delighted with what the team has achieved – this was an amazing challenge and certainly no mean feat tackling the perilous white water rapids of the London 2012 Olympic white water rafting course.

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NEWS

Kathleen Walmsley with a picture of her aunt Florrie and mother Sarah

Villager is maid up over flats conversion

THE transformation of an historic Cheslyn Hay building has brought back memories for one villager whose mother worked there.

Kathleen Walmsley says her mother would have loved to see Glenthorne House – her former workplace – being converted into flats.

Sarah Perks began work as a maid at the High Street building at the age of 14 in 1914, when the building still belonged to the prominent Hawkins family.

As the only maid, Mrs Perks' job was to keep the rooms tidy and make the beds, while her sister Florrie worked there as a cook. Mrs Walmsley, who now lives in Park Street, Cheslyn Hay with her husband Malcolm, said her mother had thoroughly enjoyed her time with the family, despite the work being hard.

Apartments

The building was constructed in around 1889 by Thomas Albert Hawkins, the son of Joseph Hawkins and the owner of the Coppice Colliery.

The house has stood empty for years, but is now being developed into 11 one-bedroom apartments.

Stafford developer Housing Plus is behind the £600,000 project, which is scheduled to take around 17 weeks to complete, before occupants can move in at the end of the year.

Grandmother-of-six Mrs Walmsley said she was 'delighted' the work was now going ahead.

She said: "I'm only so pleased that it's being saved, because it is something that belongs to the community.

"It's part of the history of Cheslyn Hay and I am sure my mother would have hated the thought of it being knocked down.

"I'm only sad I never got to see her room."

Construction work taking place at the historic Glenthorne House

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Book signing session for Becky

A MOTHER from Hednesford who wrote a book chronicling the plight of her prematurely born daughter is holding a book signing session on Saturday.

Becky Meechan will be signing copies of her book, My Bubble Wrap Girl – Sofia's Story at B &M, Market Street, Hednesford, from noon.

Her daughter Sofia was born 16 weeks premature and had to fight for her life for nearly five months where she underwent major surgery.

Among the conditions she had to fight was bleeding on the brain, oxygen starvation and septicaemia. All her organs shut down and she was put on life support.

Sofia, now aged four, underwent major heart surgery, eye surgery and had multiple blood transfusions.

Becky nicknamed her daughter Bub due to the amount of bubble wrap she was wrapped up in.

Becky found it hard to cope and ended up having a mental breakdown. She left her job due to ill health and then became bankrupt in the process.

As part of her recovery she wrote the book which has earned five star reviews on Amazon.

She said: "I wanted to write a book to share my experiences of premature birth with other women and let them see that they are not alone.

"I also want to give hope to others and show just how incredible these little fighters are.

"The book has been really well received and I am looking forward to the event on Saturday. It should be lots of fun."

Staff at B & M will also be taking part on a combined 100 mile bike ride on exercise books in store to raise money for charity.

There will also be a colouring competition and face painting for children.

Weekend to recall pit history

A WEEKEND of history will be held at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford at the weekend.

The two-day event at the heritage centre on Valley Road is being presented by Cannock Chase Mining Historical Society and will offer visitors the chance to find out more about the area's coal mining history and its industrial past.

Museum spokesman Lee Bellingham said: "I would encourage people to come along to this free event and meet with family, reminisce with old friends and colleagues and meet local history societies and organisations."

The Miners' Reunion and Local History Weekend runs from 11am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Mining and local history memorabilia, old photographs of the area and collieries will be displayed.

Former miners Mick Dury, seated and Alan Dean, chairman of Cannock Chase Mining Historical Society, get ready for the mining heritage weekend

Event will help skittle opposition

SUPPORTERS Hednesford Town are being encouraged to attend an event on Friday to help knock over the opposition.

The Key Park club's association has organised a skittles night in the Chase Suite as it continues to raise funds to assist the Pitmen on and off the field .

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm. Entry is free, with players and teams paying to enter both a singles and doubles competition.

Association chairman Scott Smith believes the organisation can raise funds to assist the club with a range of stadium maintenance tasks with the proceeds from the evening.

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NEWS FEATURE

Newman's evolving a new theory for laughs

IT HAS been a long time since Rob Newman was last in Wolverhampton but he still has a memento of the occasion.

"I took a no diving, no surfing sign from the Civic Hall and it is still in a cupboard somewhere," the comedian said.

Newman, in fact, has not toured at all since 2005, but is back on the road for his New Theory of Evolution, which kicked off its 22-date run last week and reaches the Slade Rooms this weekend.

He has done gigs, though he has spent the last six years writing his latest novel The Trade Secret, a story of oil exploration set in Elizabethan times – a follow-up to Dependence Day, Manners and The Fountain at the Centre of the World.

Partner

Having made his name as one quartet of The Mary Whitehouse Experience and as comedy partner to David Baddiel, it is fitting the comedian responsible for History Today should have his own name written into the record books. With Baddiel, they were the first comedy act to play and sell out Wembley Arena, while as a prelude to his New Theory of Evolution tour he became the first human performer on the stage at the capital's Little Angel puppet theatre.

Newman admits he has grown up since the days of History Today. "I've had to for the past three and a half years as I became a father," he said.

Newman added not only was parenthood physically demanding – "It's hard work running down a hill after a scooter" — but stand-up, too could be draining at the age of 49.

However, for a man who first made his name on a television show, it's ironic that he has now turned his back on the small screen. Instead, he said he felt most relaxed while performing on the stage.

"I just don't feel comfortable doing TV," Newman said. "I've turned down things like Mock The week for example. I feel more at home when I get on stage and pick up a mic and get that familiar feeling."

Rob Newman's New Theory of Evolution is on at the Slade rooms on Sunday (September 22).

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Rob Newman brings his New Theory of Evolution tour to the Midlands

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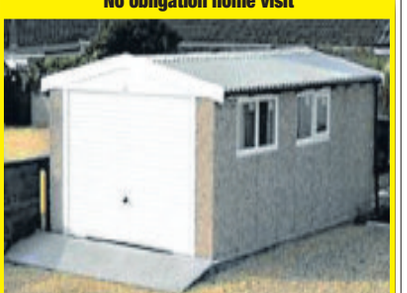

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NEWS

Delight as sports bar named best in country

A SPORTS bar in Cannock has been named as the best in the country. Bar Sport in High Green, won the Best Sports Pub title in the BT Sport Great British Pub Awards 2013.

The bar, run by Ian Scott, competed against five other regional winners for the overall title.

The awards, organised by pub industry magazine the Publican's Morning Advertiser, are recognised as the Oscars of the pub world.

Mr Scott received his accolade from the Inbetweeners actor and comedian Greg Davies at an awards ceremony that was held at London's Park Lane Hilton Hotel last Thursday.

The judges were impressed with the 1,000 capacity venue and the amount of live sport shown there.

Mr Scott said: "We are delighted to have won the title. It's great recognition for the pub and for the staff."

Nursery seeds have had plenty on space

Harriet Wedge and Chloe Edgar, both aged four, plant seeds with nursery with staff member Liz Baker

SEEDS that have been into space have come to land at a nursery in Cannock where they will form part of a special project. Children at Happy Tots nursery in Orbital Plaza, Bridgtown, will now conduct an experiment to see if the seeds grow any better than normal ones.

Millions of seeds have been carried into orbit over the years. Whilst some have been left at the international space station to be grown in low gravity, others were returned to Earth for experiments.

Nursery manager Sarah Tilsley said: "We're delighted that we can get involved in this. The children love growing plants in the nursery garden anyway, but were extremely excited when we told them that these seeds had been into space with real life astronauts."

Project manager Nick Deakin, from Inspire Space CIC, said: "The little ones at Happy Tots are getting involved in some cutting-edge research, as it's important for NASA to learn how seeds endure space conditions, so that astronauts on future missions can take plants with them for food and oxygen".

As well as planting seeds, the children enjoyed finding out about going into space, and had the chance to try on real astronaut's gloves, play with a model version of the Mars Rover and sample some of the food that astronauts eat.

Bus drivers who are just the ticket

BUS passengers are being given the chance by a Cannockcompany to nominate the drivers who go the extra mile.

Arriva buses, which operate services across Midlands, has launched its nation-wide Knight of the Road award.

This accolade is designed to recognise drivers who make a difference to customers when they travel on Arriva Buses, be it through their gallant efforts or just by adding a little extra sunshine to their passengers' day.

Whether it is their friendly manner, flawless driving or the fact they go above and beyond the call of duty, Arriva wants people who know best, its customers, to nominate drivers that deserve to be acknowledged.

Keith Myatt, from Arriva said: "Our drivers are the frontline of Arriva's services and therefore have a major impact on our customers.

"When it came to deciding which of our drivers we should recognise, the decision as to whose recommendation to seek was quite simple, our customers.

"We want to find which driver the people of Cannock think makes a difference to their bus travel.

"Reasons for nomination could be as simple as always meeting passengers with a smile or remembering their names. To nominate an Arriva driver for the Knight of the Road Award customers can get in touch via our website."

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Lilly's in pink over Land Army medal

Lillian Eccleston and the Land Army medal she has been awarded with son John, his wife Jan and Carole Kemp

A GREAT Wyrley resident has been officially recognised for her service as a land girl during the Second World War.

Lillian Eccleston ploughed fields, picked potatoes, fed cattle and brought in the harvest during the dark days of the Second World War.

It may have been seven decades ago but her memories of workingon farms in Worcestershire ate still strong.

Now, the 88-year-old has been officially recognised after staff at her nursing home learned of her story.

Carol Kemp, activities co-ordinator at The Conifers in Johns Lane, wrote to Prime Minister David Cameron asking that Lillian receive the Women's Land Army medal, an honour introduced in 2008 for surviving veterans.

She said: "When we found out she hadn't got a medal, we decided to do something about it.

"There was a kind and very quick response, and within the week Lilly's medal arrived. We had a little celebration with some of her family, and she was delighted."

Lillian, nee Hawker, who used to live in Saxon Close and Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley, with her husband and four sons, worked at farms in Astwood Bank, near Redditch, for almost four years. Her son John, 53, of Wellington Drive, Cannock, said the medal was a fitting tribute.

Holiday park plan by pub is turfed out

PLANNERS have ruled a holiday caravan park near an historic pub would blight a 'beautiful area.'

Pub bosses behind the scheme for four camping pitches at the Park Gate Inn, in Cannock Wood, said it would extend the business and create two extra jobs.

by Deborah Hardiman

But members of Cannock Chase Council's planning control committee last week rejected the project by five votes to two.

Families living near the pub had objected to the plans on grounds it would detract from the appearance of the area.

A resident from Baden Powell Close told the meeting: "To locate a caravan site directly next to residential properties in a residential area would be totally inappropriate and unnecessary.

Character

"The impact of the site on the character and appearance of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the amenities of neighbouring residents would be unacceptable and contrary to the both the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan."

Park Gate Inn licensee Paul Donnor, aged 62, said: "The paddock was being used as the area's tip with a large number of local people dumping waste material, leaving me to clear it up. This area has now been cleared and fencing installed to stop the dumping.

"The economic situation in the country is improving, but there are still more restaurants and pubs closing each week than are opening," he added.

"We employ 18 people. This camp site will help to ensure their continuing employment and create a further two jobs."

But Councillor John Kraujalis said: "I went on a site visit and I was particularly concerned about the one touring van parked at the site. It looked very stark and out of character.

"It is proposed to put four of these in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. I sympathise and appreciate that he is trying to maintain a business and employment. At the same time we are talking about an area that is beautiful and historic."

Ramblers in nine-mile trek

A NINE-mile walk at Gnosall is on the cards for Chase & District Ramblers this weekend. The group will leave Hednesford rail station car park, Anglesey Street, at 9am on Sunday, September 22.

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Rugeley Improvements

Horse Fair before updates

Horse Fair after updates

Exciting works to improve the gateway from Rugeley train station will soon get underway.

As part of a county wide plan, we are supporting the regeneration of Rugeley in its ambitions for a thriving town where people want to live, visit, shop and work.

The £500,000 scheme, which will commence on Monday 14th October will involve upgrading Horse Fair and Wharf Road and create a space which is workable, functional and distinctive and will help draw people into the area, encouraging sustainable travel and new town centre retail.

We have worked with local people and where possible taken on board any suggestions to design a scheme that will make a real difference for the better of the town – for both motorists and pedestrians.

Design experts have done extensive modelling to make sure the ideas put forward will really improve the feeling of the area and create an attractive space for businesses, pedestrians and motorists.

During the scheme, we will do everything we can to minimise any disruption. So everyone can enjoy the festive period and to make sure that Christmas trade is not affected we will complete the works in two phases, starting before Christmas and then picking it back up in the New Year.

Initially it will not mean any road closures, however temporary traffic lights will be required. We will make sure our contractor keeps disruption to a minimum, but we ask people to bear with us while these important improvements take place.

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Horse Fair before updates

Horse Fair after updates

An artist's impression of Horse Fair

Schedule of initial works 2013-2014

Dates	Location and works description
Week commencing 7th October 2013	Site compound set up. (No traffic management required).
14th October 2013	Work commences. Temporary work and installation of the natural paving 'gateway' features. (Two-way temporary traffic signals – NO road closures required).
22nd November	Work on site finishes for Christmas.
Early 2014	Start of major works along Horse Fair, including removal of traffic lights, installation of roundabouts, new kerbs, new footways and signing and lining. (Exact date weather dependent).

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Dive in and Swim Deep

WINTER is coming but sunny Brummie popsters Swim Deep are ready for a summer of love.

Swim Deep – latest big noise from the B-Town scene release debut album

Their baggy, bliss-kissed, slacker anthems on debut album **Where The Heaven Are We** are not as urgent as fellow breakout B-Town scene outfit Peace. But songs like Soul Trippin, The Sea and Bunnymen reminiscent Stray are sunshine and flowers for the ears, enough to forgive them their funny haircuts.

The home city headline gig at Birmingham Town Hall on Friday (September 20) should be a bit special.

London Grammar debut **If You Wait** is a delectable blend of chilled indie rock with the brooding, folk-tinged vocals of Hannah Reid. Imagine the XX fronted by Florence Welch. Stand out track Wasting My Young Years was inspired by an ex-boyfriend. Catch them at Birmingham's O2 Academy on October 23.

Dark undercurrents and infectious electro-rock grooves from Manchester's **The 1975** make their self-titled debut one of the albums of the year, with Sex and Chocolate included, what else do you need?

Hail To The King opens with a tolling bell, very Black Sabbath, and Californian metal outfit **Avenged Sevenfold** are the heirs to both the Brum heavy rock legends and Metallica. This, their sixth studio album, went straight into the UK album chart at number one and a track like Crimson Day shows they can appeal outside their genre. Expect them to rock the LG Arena to its foundations on December 5.

Jealousy and romantic angst seldom sounded better than on **AM**, the fifth album from Sheffield's **Arctic Monkeys**. It is sonically exciting stuff as the Monkeys, following Olympic and Glastonbury triumphs, concrete their position as one of the great British bands. Highlights include Why'd You Only Call Me When You're High? See them at the LG Arena on October 31.

Brian Molko has one of the most distinctive voices in rock and **Placebo** on seventh album **Loud Like Love** are back to their pop-rock best with persuasive riffs and melodies. Molko's dark wit shines through on songs like Too Many Friends. Placebo will be in concert at Birmingham's O2 Academy on December 12.

Shahid Khan – AKA **Naughty Boy** – made the transition from working in a pizza takeaway in Watford to leading British pop/R&B producer thanks to a Prince's Trust grant and winning more than £40,000 on Deal Or No Deal. It was a good idea to invest in his music career, as in recent years he has launched and produced songwriting partner Emeli Sande as a solo star as well as adding his sheen to releases by JLS, Leona Lewis and Cheryl Cole.

His solo debut **Hotel Cabana** is actually a massive collaborative effort with Sande singing on four tracks including the hits Wonder and Lifted. Other guests include Gabrielle on Hollywood, Bastille on No One's Here To Sleep and Ed Sheeran on Top Floor. Best track is the infectious La La La featuring new singer Sam Smith.

Naughty Boy is at Digbeth's HMV Institute on November 15.

An anthem for the lonely written in Birmingham

TIPPED for greatness after debut Barton Hollow, alternative country duo **The Civil Wars** – Joy Williams and John Paul White – declared a parting of the ways before their self-titled second album was released this month.

Maybe the tension adds a frisson because the album has dark and melancholy beauty. Williams is at her best on The One That Got Away and maybe the bluesy clang of I Had Me A Girl hints at White's direction. They revealed that anthem for the lonely Dust To Dust was written in the midst of despair, when their tour brought them to Birmingham England.

Elton John goes back to basics on new album **The Diving Board** with production stripped down to little more than voice and piano. He and Bernie Taupin have crafted a strong set of songs that will appeal to fans of John's 1970s albums. A Town Called Jubilee sounds like a hit.

Alison Goldfrapp and Will Gregory return to the cinematic territory of **Goldfrapp** debut album Felt Mountain on the lush and string-laden **Tales Of Us**, on which most songs have female names. Italian movie music maestro Ennio Morricone is an influence and Stranger is a gorgeous track.

Los Angeles band **Dawes** on third album **Stories Don't End** hone their soft rock sound appealing to fans of Fleetwood Mac and Jackson Browne.

Ridiculously young Irish band **The Strypes** exude youthful excitement on debut album **Snapshot**, shots of retro rhythm and blues similar to Hamburg-era Beatles. They support the Arctic Monkeys at the LG on October 31.

Tim DeLaughter's 24-piece Texan rock orchestra **The Polyphonic Spree** are back with **Yes, It's True**, their first proper album in five years and 11 instalments of joyous epic pop-rock.

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Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) (GDC108353) with Denture Clinic manager Peter Brookes (GDC124429)

Denture troubles? Unable to live life spontaneously?

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THERE'S seemingly an impossible amalgamation between glamour and dentures, but these unlikely descriptive bedfellows are increasingly being thrown together at a Wolverhampton clinic.

Under the watchful eye of denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Dudley-based Denture Clinic, regular surgeries held at his Tettenhall Road practice are helping patients turn back the hands of time.

The practice is part of a growing portfolio of locations with surgeries also at North Street, Dudley; Fresh Dental in St Mary's Road, Bearwood; and most recently, Comberton Dental Surgery in Comberton Road, Kidderminster.

A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation denture prescriptions can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Emphatically, yes.

"We remain on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on the best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country."

The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality of teeth we supply.

"We will never compromise on best clinical outcomes and that same ethos is core to all of our clinics. We are always reimagining what dentures can achieve."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully, presenting some "monumental" challenges.

"Many patients have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

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The TSAs remind you to give your views by responding to the consultation by midnight on 1 October 2013.

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Formal consultation period ends at midnight on Tuesday 1 October 2013.

Members of the public can provide their views on the TSAs' draft recommendations by completing:

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Every lesson counts

AT Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School, high aspirations for every child, every day, every lesson is at the heart of everything we do, says headteacher, Nicky Crookshank.

The school achieved an Outstanding grading from Ofsted in 2011-2013 and the results this year were the best ever at GCSE and A-level.

Despite results falling across the country, 66 per cent of students gained five higher passes – including English and maths – up by four per cent from the previous year.

The school's successful sixth form, which attracts high numbers of students, offers a wide range of A-level and BTEC courses.

Guidance

Ofsted said: "The curriculum is outstanding and kept under constant review so it continually meets the needs and aspiration of the students".

The school is keen to emphasise that the education of the whole child is central to their ethos.

The care, guidance and support of students is a particular strength; experienced and highly effective heads of year, supported by a specialist team of inclusion staff, support the children from their introduction to the school in Year 6 until the end of their school career.

One Key Stage 3 student told Ofsted: "It's just like being part of one big family here."

The school prides itself in being at the heart of the local community taking part in events such as Remembrance Sunday and local litter picking. In recent years, an ambitious building programme has resulted in an attractive, well maintained and stimulating learning environment, throughout the school.

Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community School has high aspirations for every child

Students have access to state-of-the-art sporting facilities including an all-weather, multi-purpose pitch, tennis courts, swimming pool and dance studio.

A new independent learning centre with high quality ICT facilities and a purpose-built sixth form centre are now open and we are proud of our new state-of-the-art achievement centre, library and science laboratories.

Extra-curricular activities are a central part of students' experience at Cheslyn Hay.

During their time at the school, students have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of educational trips and visits which may see them engaged in team building exercises with their tutor group at The Conway Centre, in North Wales, at the beginning of Year 7, discovering Venice in Year 9, developing their understanding of events in the First World War as part of the battle fields visit at Key Stage 4.

Invites

As Headteacher Mrs Crookshank is fully committed to ensuring every lesson counts every day to enable each and every child to fulfil their potential and is supported by a team of experienced and specialist staff both inside and outside the classroom.

The school invites parents to find out more about what it can offer at an open evening on Thursday, September 26, at 6.30pm and also opportunities to see the school in action at open mornings the following week.

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Wednesday 2nd October 2013
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Presentations by the Headteacher and Senior Leaders at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in Bader Hall
You will have the opportunity to tour the school to see students and teachers at work during the evening.
Tours of the school are also available on the mornings of Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October. Please contact Mrs Leighton for an appointment.
A prospectus is available from Mrs Leighton, Headteacher's PA, King Edward VI School (01543 421255) or on our website www.kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

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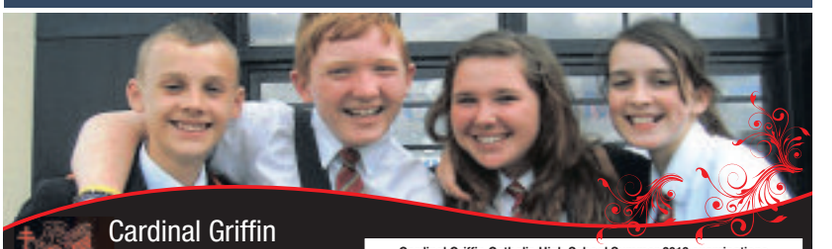

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A WARM WELCOME TO THE FRIARY SCHOOL
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Friary students achieve best ever GCSE results!

The Friary school has achieved its best ever set of GCSE results this year, with 70 per cent of students gaining at least 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths. 88 per cent of pupils achieved at least five passes at GCSE.

Headteacher David Lister expressed his delight at this year's results. "There are many aspects of these results that students, staff and parents can be proud of," he said. "Not least is the fact that we achieved excellent results in English Language and Maths, with 85 per cent of pupils achieving at least a grade C in English and 76 per cent in Maths. Gaining these grades will make a significant difference to the students' lives. The average point score is the highest we have ever achieved, indicating that pupils of all abilities have performed well. It is also pleasing to note that we have bucked the national trend with the boys' results matching those of the girls."

Year 13 students at the Friary school celebrated success in their A-levels.

22 per cent of all qualifications taken were awarded an A* or A grade, while 48 percent gained a grade B or higher. The overall pass rate was 98 per cent.

Mr Lister, said: "It is a real privilege to see so many students enjoying the reward for their dedication and determination and looking forward excitedly to further challenges and opportunities. Whilst it is natural that those with the highest grades receive a special mention, many have achieved results that represent excellent progress and they should feel equally proud."

To help our students achieve the very best they can, and in keeping

Two Friary students delighted with their excellent GCSE results.

Happy Friary 6th Formers on results day.

with our mission statement, we set ambitious academic targets. At the same time, it is important that they develop into young adults as compassionate and caring members of their community and we set great store by developing personal qualities in addition to subject knowledge. Social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is at the core of all we do.

Our dual specialism in sport and the arts plays a key role in our school. We want all our students to be able to express themselves confidently and perform to the very highest levels. This does not mean that you have to be particularly keen on sport, music, drama, dance and art to succeed and enjoy your time as a Friary pupil, but if you are then you will have plenty of opportunities to shine.

Visitors to The Friary frequently compliment us on the friendly, calm and purposeful atmosphere. Parents are always welcome, and that partnership with parents is vital to our success as a learning community.

We are proud of our roots in this city's rich history and our contribution to its thriving culture. The Latin motto on our school badge, 'Inservi Deo et Laetare' (serve God and be cheerful) is one we share proudly with the cathedral. It links us to the past and is an appropriate summary of the way we encourage all pupils to develop their individual talents for the benefit of all and, above all, to always think positively about themselves and others.

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ANOTHER YEAR OF RECORD RESULTS AND PROGRESS

Cannock Chase High School is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive school with Academy status, serving Cannock and its surrounding area. The school was invited by the Department for Education to become an independent academy in 2011 in recognition of its performance and high standards. Since then, those standards have continued to improve, and we now regularly achieve levels above the national average at GCSE and A Level.

In 2013 we are celebrating another year of record results and progress. This year the Department for Education recognised our excellence again, and – based on the progress and achievements of students at the school – has now said: "There is no better school within a 75-mile radius". (DfE Schools and statistics report, 2013)

We aim to prepare young people for life as happy, rounded and responsible citizens in a modern society, equipping them with the skills and knowledge that will prepare them for adult life and lifelong learning. We place great value on politeness and collective responsibility, believing firmly that we are all responsible for one another as well as for ourselves. We are committed to providing an education which helps young people to realise their potential both academically and socially, offering a curriculum which broadens their experience and challenges their intellect.

We are particularly proud of the following achievements this year, which place us above the national percentage in all these categories:

- 20 per cent of students awarded places at top universities
- Over 70 per cent of students achieving three or more levels of progress between years 7 and 11 in both English and mathematics
- Above national percentage of students achieving the 'EBac' qualifications at A*-C (English, Maths, Science, Language and Humanities subjects)
- Over 80 per cent of students achieving A*-C in at least 2 sciences
- 20 per cent increase of top grades (A*/A) at both GCSE and A level
- 35 per cent of GCSE students achieving A* grades

An increase in the number of students going on to apprenticeships

We offer extensive facilities, a wide range of subjects at all levels, and a unique and exciting 'option based' curriculum for year 9, leading to GCSE and BTec courses in year 10 and year 11.

The school is divided into six Houses for pastoral care, and each student is placed into a tutor group of around 24 students aged 11-16. There they benefit from mentoring, support and academic prefects who guide and advise alongside tutors and whole school academic mentors. The school is inclusive and welcomes students from all backgrounds.

The progress that students make during their time at Cannock Chase High School is second to none, and enables every individual, whatever their gifts, talents and abilities, to flourish and to be the best they can be.

Come and visit us anytime, and particularly at our Open Evening (6-8.30pm on Tuesday September, 24 at the Upper School, Calving Hill site), and also during our Open Days on September, 24, 25 and 26. Just telephone the school for a tour.

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PUPILS BENEFIT FROM TRADITION AND HIGH TEACHING STANDARDS

Lichfield Cathedral School is founded on a tradition of educating musicians that stretches back over 600 years. Over time the school has evolved considerably and is now an independent day school for boys and girls between the ages of three and 18.

Class sizes throughout the school are kept small with high staff ratios to ensure that each child receives individual care and attention. The junior children, aged three to seven, are based just outside Lichfield in Longdon Green, in a wonderful six acre site where they can benefit from extensive outdoor facilities and well-resourced, purpose-built classrooms. The children enjoy a creative curriculum, including Forest School, designed to stimulate their imagination and instil a love of learning.

Senior students and the Sixth Form are based in several buildings the Cathedral Close, one being the magnificent 17th century Palace. High quality teaching and dedicated resources enable specialist learning across all subjects. Academic standards are high, proven by a track record of outstanding GCSE and A Level results.

"We measure the difference that the school makes to each student's academic achievement through the value-added scores. This is the difference between raw ability (as calculated through baseline testing) and actual performance, and demonstrates the impact of teaching on grades. Lichfield Cathedral School's outstanding value-added scores place us in the top 5per cent nationally," said Headmaster, David Corran .

"Our Sixth Form students clearly benefit from small tutor groups, a nurturing environment, a bespoke curriculum and personalised careers guidance," added Deputy Head, Susan Hannam. "While academic results are important, we are also keen to ensure that students develop good communication and leadership skills through participation in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, and that they become good citizens by understanding their responsibilities to local and global communities and taking action to improve the lives of others."

Early years education provides benefits beyond school

Sith formers discuss university options

The ethos of the School is that of a family community where Christian values are upheld and, while most pupils are members of the Church of England, children of other denominations and religions are welcomed. The link with the Cathedral remains strong with a weekly prayer service and regular religious and educational events throughout the year.

Boy choristers (aged 7 to 13), who sing in the Cathedral nearly every day, board at the school and enjoy substantial choral scholarships provided by the Dean and Chapter. Girl choristers (aged 10 to 15) are supported by choral scholarships provided by the school and remain day pupils who take part in weekly services in the Cathedral. This year, choral auditions will be held on Friday 11 October (for girls) and on Friday 11 January (for boys).

The school offers scholarships for entry to Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 in the following areas: academic, sport, music, art and drama. Pupils are expected to attain a high standard in all areas of the curriculum. Whilst the school holds an exceptional reputation for our provision in music and the performing arts, there is no specific type of pupil or student at LCS. Academics, artists, athletes and the adventurous are all welcome. For more information, contact Lesley Bannister on 01543 306168.

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Rising star Siobhan joining pop idol Will Young in Cabaret

AN ACTRESS from Staffordshire will star alongside Will Young in a production of Cabaret to be staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre later this year.

Siobhan Dillon, from Lichfield, who appeared on the BBC TV show How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?, will take on the role of Sally Bowles.

The show, in which Pop Idol winner-turned-actor Will Young will appear as the sinister Emcee, will visit the Lichfield Street theatre from November 26 to 30 for the only Midlands dates on a fourteen venue national tour.

Following her stint on the BBC show to find a performer to play Maria in The Sound of Music, Siobhan won a deal with Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group and also co-wrote and recorded an album for Universal Music.

Last year she starred in the highly acclaimed UK tour of Can't Smile Without You, and made her West End debut in Grease.

Also joining the UK touring cast is New Seekers singer Lyn Paul as Fraulein Schneider. In 1997 Lynn made her musical theatre debut as Mrs Johnstone in Willy Russell's hit musical Blood Brothers – a role she last performed at Wolverhampton Grand in 2011.

The Kander and Ebb musical set in 1930s Germany first appeared on Broadway in 1966 and became a hit movie with Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey, featuring the songs Money and Maybe This Time.

Tickets are priced between £23.50 and £39.50. For more information call the box office on 01902 4292 12.

Staffs actress Siobhan Dillion is to play Sally Bowles at the Grand in Wolverhampton

It's a fair old sing-song at museum

THE Victorian fairground of the Black Country Living Museum provided the perfect backdrop for a theatre group as members prepare to tread the boards in popular musical Carousel.

South Staffordshire Musical Theatre Company will be staging its version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic from October 8 to 12 at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton. The show, following last year's acclaimed staging of The Sound of Music, and will feature a 40-strong team of amateur actors from across the Midlands. A 16-piece orchestra will provide the music.

Thirteen cast members donned their costumes to treat visitors to the Dudley museum to a few of the show's best loved songs, including You'll Never Walk Alone.

Some of the cast of South Staffordshire Musical Theatre Company prepare for Carousel at the Black County Living Museum's own carousel

FOLK SCENE

A WOLVERHAMPTON folk club has announced its new autumn/winter season and is bringing no fewer than two award-winning acts to the city venue.

Newhampton Folk Club, which meets at the Newhampton Pub, Riches Street, Whitmore Reans, opens its run on September 28 with two times BBC Folk Musician of the year Andy Cutting.

Some of the other acts include Kim Lowings & Greenwood and this year's winners of Radio 2's Young Folk Singer award Russell & Algar.

Young folk duo David Gibb and Elly Lucas will be bringing their particular brand of music to the Stourbridge folk club at Katie Fitzgerald's, 187 Enville Street, Stourbridge this Thursday.

Both are multi-instrumentalists and singers and were finalists in the BBC Young Folk Awards two years ago.

Willenhall Folk and Acoustic Club is playing host to the John Richards Band on September 25 at the Victory Club, Lichfield Road, New Invention.

Rat Pack special

THE Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular Show, at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on September 26, will conjure up the atmosphere of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr as kings of cool.

For matinee and evening performances call the box office on 0121 230 9077.

Macbeth sequel arrives at the Rep

ARTISTIC director of the newly re-opened Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Roxana Silbert, brings her version of David Greig's sequel to Shakespeare's Macbeth, Dunsinane, to the Rep for a run from Tuesday to Saturday, September 24-28.

First premiered by the Royal Shakespeare Company, this part two to the 'Scottish play' continues the story of Lady Macbeth. The cast includes Siobhan Redmond and Jonny Phillips in the leading roles.

Tickets cost £12.50 to £35. Contact the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Welsh songstress is at Slade Rooms

WELSH wunderkind of the classical music scene turned pop singer Charlotte Church will be in concert at Wolverhampton venue The Slade Rooms tonight (Thursday).

She sold more than 11 million records before she was 16 and now the 27-year-old from Cardiff has a new album entitled Three.

Joining her at the Broad Street venue will be highly-rated Welsh duo Golden Fable.

Tickets cost £15 (plus ten per cent fee), call 0870 320 7000.

Society go Monty

MEN from West Bromwich Operatic Society will be casting aside inhibitions with their clothes in comedy musical The Full Monty at Wolverhampton Grand from September 24 to 28.

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Keith Lemon

Through the Keyhole ITV, 9pm

Hands up, if you didn't believe Keith Lemon was the right choice of host to front this show? We'll join you in that show of hands. Having Lemon step into the shoes of Loyd Grossman as house detective in this 1980s and '90s favourite, and then wildly changing the whole tone of the programme was a massive risk. But... we'll be the first to eat our words; it's a risk that paid off. Mr Lemon dons another garish shirt before grabbing the keys to three more celebrity pads. Joining Dave Berry on the panel this week are Catherine Tyldesley and Terry Wogan.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **12.50** Match of the Day Live. **3.00** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. With Louis Smith and Lizzie Armitstead. **3.30** Final Score. **5.15** Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.45 I Love My Country. Game show, with guests Natalie Cassidy, Steve Backshall, Martin Kemp, Brian Belo, Kelly Smith and Kenny Logan, husband of the show's host Gabby Logan.

7.30 When Miranda Met Bruce. One-off show in which Miranda Hart chats to Bruce Forsyth as he celebrates 70 years in showbusiness, with the veteran entertainer recounting his career highlights and inspirations.

8.40 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. OJ Borg presents as the balls are set rolling to decide the all-important numbers.

8.50 Casualty. Rita and Ash treat a teenage girl who is keeping secrets from her boyfriend, while Fletch is worried about two elderly sisters who are struggling to look after each other.

9.40 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Noel Fielding, Seann Walsh, Mike Gunn and Hal Cruttenden. (R)

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Highlights include Chelsea v Fulham; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show.

1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.25 Film:** The Lost Squadron. (1932) **8.40 Film:** Yellowstone Kelly. (1959) **10.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.40** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **11.30** University Challenge. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Coast. (R) **12.50** EastEnders. **2.45** The House That £100K Built. (R) **3.45** Urban Jungle. **4.15** Flog It! (R) **5.00** The Wonder of Dogs. (R)

6.00 Dragons' Den. One final line-up of entrepreneurs faces the panel, including a couple hoping to win investment for their fruity beverage idea. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Dad's Army. The platoon acquires an armoured car. (R)

7.30 Count Arthur Strong. Michael regrets introducing Arthur to the internet. (R)

8.00 The Making of Merkel with Andrew Marr. The broadcaster looks at the life and career of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, examining how her formative years in East Germany shaped her political vision and style.

9.00 Mock the Week. With Milton Jones, Hal Cruttenden, Holly Walsh and Ed Byrne. (R)

9.30 Film: The Awakening. (2011) Premiere. An investigator of supernatural hoaxes has her beliefs challenged when she is summoned to a haunting at a boarding school. Horror, starring Rebecca Hall and Dominic West.

11.10 Film: The Ring. (2002) Supernatural horror remake, starring Naomi Watts.

12.55 Film: Quatermass 2. (1957)

2.20 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.20** Catchphrase. (R) **2.05** Doc Martin. (R) **3.05** The X Factor. (R) **4.05 Film:** Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed. (2004) **5.45** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 New You've Been Framed!

6.45 Stepping Out. The four remaining couples try to master dance routines in the styles of street, jazz and the paso doble as they battle to win a place in next week's final. Davina McCall hosts.

8.00 The X Factor. The search for a superstar continues as the judges give their verdicts on another line-up of hopefuls joining the race for a record deal at the closed-room auditions.

9.00 Through the Keyhole. Catherine Tyldesley and Terry Wogan join Dave Berry on the panel as Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges them to guess the identities of the famous occupants.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Film: City Slickers. (1991) Comedy, with Billy Crystal.

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Caterham Motorsports. **7.05** The Grid. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss USA. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Susan Rogers hosts the final evening in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Double Your House for Half the Money. Sarah Beeny offers money-saving tips to Northamptonshire newlyweds who want more space in their country home, and a single mother in West Sussex in need of a more suitable property. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows the progress of a commercial architect and his art-director wife as they try to build the ultimate family home near York, inspired by a giant farm shed. (R)

9.00 Film: Iron Man. (2008) An arms manufacturer invents a hi-tech suit of armour and uses it in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr.

11.25 Film: Man on Fire. (2004) Action thriller, starring Denzel Washington.

2.05 Hollyoaks. (R) **4.20** SuperScrimpers. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.25** Slugterra. **10.50** Animal Maternity. (R) **11.50 Film:** You've Got Mail. (1998) Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. **2.05 Film:** Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **4.05** 5 News Weekend. **4.15 Film:** Fort Worth. (1951) Western drama, starring Randolph Scott. **5.50 Film:** The Great Escape. (1963) Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen.

9.00 Film: Hang 'Em High. (1968) A lawman-turned-rancher is attacked by a lynch mob and hanged for a crime he did not commit, but is rescued before he dies. Western, starring Clint Eastwood, Inger Stevens, Ed Begley, James MacArthur, Pat Hingle, Bruce Dern and Dennis Hopper.

11.25 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A serial killer's adopted son is arrested on suspicion of murder, but the evidence against him proves inconclusive, so the CSIs set about trying to track down a more likely culprit. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. Keren and Rebecca argue. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. The brass band booked to play at the Silver Hatch parade suddenly cancels. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. Animation about helpful angels. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. Muzzy the mouse gets scared. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Hoot thinks he is a ballerina. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. Farmer Green and FB are nervous about going to a garden party. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes **7.15** Doctor Who **8.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **9.00 Film:** Streetdance (2010) **10.35** Russell Howard's Good News **11.05** Family Guy **11.55** Orphan Black

BBC Four

7.00 Africa **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Tsunamis **9.00** The Young Montalbano **10.50** Big in America: British Hits in the USA **11.50** The Beatles' Please Please Me – Remaking a Classic

ITV2

5.15 Film: Johnny English (2003) **7.00 Film:** Uncle Buck (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** The Magaluf Weekender **11.50** Crazy Beaches

ITV3

2.45 Agatha Christie's Marple **4.55** Inspector Morse **6.55** Foyle's War **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Wire in the Blood

ITV4

2.00 Live Cycling: Tour of Britain. Coverage of stage seven of the race. **4.00** Highway Patrol **4.30** British Touring Car Championship **6.00** Driven to Extremes **7.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **8.00** Hornblower **10.15 Film:** Carlito's Way (1993)

E4

4.05 Rules of Engagement **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00 Film:** Cloverfield (2008) **10.40** The Inbetweeners: E4's Top 10 Episodes **11.50** The Big Bang Theory

Film4

2.50 The Quiet Man (1952) **5.35** Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **7.20** Hot Shots! (1991) **9.00** Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (2009) **10.55** 28 Weeks Later (2007)

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CHOICE

Shelley Conn

By Any Means
BBC1, 9pm
Warren Brown is enjoying one heck of a year, all kicked off by his fantastic performance in Luther. It's very nearly confirmed that there will be a film made of that detective drama, but if you need something to keep you going until then, catch Brown in this new crime thriller for the next six weeks. The series follows a clandestine unit playing the criminal elite at their own game. In the first instalment, Quinn and the team attempt to bring to justice a crooked businessman who's gotten away with robbery and murder. Co-starring Shelley Conn and Keith Allen.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Match of the Day 2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Flog It! (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Lifeline. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix Highlights.
6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison witnesses the homecoming of a remarkable horse in Devon and Tom Heap asks whether the number of domestic cats in the UK is posing a threat to wildlife.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea near Portsmouth, where items include chairs said to be made from timber off HMS Victory and paintings with an Indiana Jones connection.
9.00 By Any Means. New series. Crime drama about a team dedicated to bringing elusive criminals to justice, beginning with a murderous businessman. Warren Brown and Shelley Conn star.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester City v Manchester United.
11.50 Film: Lone Star. (1996) A sheriff investigates the discovery of a 40-year-old murder victim, raising questions about his father's heroic reputation. Mystery, starring Chris Cooper and Matthew McConaughey.
2.00 Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.05 Film:** Nocturne. (1946) **7.30** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **8.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **11.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **12.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **12.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **1.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. (R) **1.30** The Incredible Spice Men. (R) **2.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.45** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. With Louis Smith and Lizzie Armitstead. (R) **3.15** Sailing: America's Cup Highlights. **4.00** Canoeing: World Slalom Championships. **5.00** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs.
6.00 The Great British Bake Off. The contestants prepare biscuits and traybakes. (R)
7.00 Hunt vs Lauda: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals. Documentary using archive footage and interviews with key players to chart the battle between Britain's James Hunt and Austria's Niki Lauda for the 1976 world drivers' championship. (R)
8.00 The Crane Gang. New series. The day-to-day operations of a mobile crane company.
9.00 The Story of the Jews. The influence of the shtetl on Jewish culture and the modern world.
10.00 QI XL. Extended edition, with Josh Widdicombe, Phill Jupitus and Katherine Ryan.
10.45 Film: A Single Man. (2009) Drama set in the 1960s, starring Colin Firth.
12.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Holby City. (R) **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Big Time Rush. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25 Film:** Columbo: Sex and the Married Detective. (1989) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** The X Factor. (R) **2.30** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **3.30** Happy Birthday E.T. (R) **4.30 Film:** E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial. (1982)
6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Surprise Surprise. A cancer survivor receives a life-changing gift, a father and daughter are reunited after 26 years apart, and Rizzle Kicks perform for one of their fans. Holly Willoughby presents.
8.00 The X Factor. The final round of auditions.
9.00 Downton Abbey. New series. Following Matthew's death, Mary struggles to come to terms with her loss, while Jimmy takes an interest in Ivy, and Carson receives an unwelcome reminder of his past.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 Perspectives: Sergeant on Spike. John Sergeant presents a profile of Spike Milligan. (R)
11.45 Premiership Rugby Union.
12.40 The Store. **2.40** Motorsport UK. **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Ironman 2013. **6.40** The American Football Show. (R) **7.35** American Football: Hard Knocks. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20 Film:** Take the Lead. (2006) **4.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.40 Film:** The Spiderwick Chronicles. (2008)
7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.55 The Political Slot. Wavertree MP Luciana Berger talks about unemployment.
8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. New series. The Grand Designs presenter takes on his second challenge, moving his eco-friendly cabin to the Somerset coast and transforming it into the beach home of his dreams.
9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 80s. David Mitchell, Phill Jupitus, Alan Carr, Sarah Greene, Jack Dee and Jason Donovan demonstrate how much they remember about the 1980s.
10.35 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by Jessie J, who chats and performs, and Matthew Fox, famous for his roles in Party of Five and Lost. (R)
11.35 The Last Leg. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by comedian and actor Eddie Izzard for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. Last in the series. (R)
12.25 Paddy's TV Guide. Paddy McGuinness focuses on technology. (R) **1.10** American Football Live. **4.45** Ironman 2013. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Slugterra. **11.00** Monkey Life. (R) **11.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.25** Apollo 13: The True Story. (R) **1.30 Film:** Thunderbirds. (2004) **3.15 Film:** The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (1996) **4.55** 5 News. **5.00 Film:** Big Momma's House 2. (2006)
6.50 Film: Ocean's Eleven. (2001) Crime comedy, starring George Clooney.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Film: Conan the Barbarian. (2011) Premiere. A warrior seeks revenge on the warlord who killed his father before he can magically make himself all-powerful. Fantasy, with Jason Momoa.
11.15 Film: Drive Angry. (2011) Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage.
1.05 SuperCasino. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.25** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Robin Hood **7.45** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **8.30 Film:** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Bad Education **11.20** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Golden Age of Canals **8.00** Fabric of Britain **9.00 Film:** Citizen Kane (1941) **11.00** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies
ITV2
2.50 Film: Happy Feet (2006) **5.00** The X Factor **6.00** The Xtra Factor **7.00 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Big Reunion: On Tour **11.00 Film:** Pitch Black (2000)
ITV3
4.55 Foyle's War **7.00** Lewis. A religious fanatic is found beaten and drowned in his bath. **9.00 Film:** Ray (2004)
ITV4
12.15 Film: Spartacus (1960) **4.00** Live Cycling: Tour of Britain. Coverage of the eighth and final stage of the race. **6.00** Mark Cavendish: Born to Race **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **10.00 Film:** Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **11.55 Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998)
E4
4.00 How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.00 Film:** X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) **10.00** New Rude Tube **11.00** The Inbetweeners: E4's Top 10 Episodes
Film4
2.50 Anna and the King (1999) **5.40** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **7.20** Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993) **9.00** Limitless (2011) Sci-fi thriller, with Bradley Cooper. **11.05** Lolita (1997)

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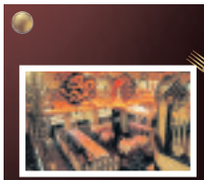
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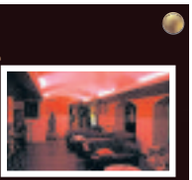
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A thrill-seeking billionaire develops a taste for cat burglary, and lifts a priceless Monet from a New York gallery in broad daylight. However, he later meets his match in a cunning female insurance investigator and the pair embark on a whirlwind romance – but their conflicting careers threaten their relationship. Crime adventure remake, with Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, Denis Leary and Ben Gazzara. (1999)

TUESDAY

Hart's War, BBC1, 11.35pm
A law student fighting in the US Army is captured by German soldiers and sent to a prison camp, where the top-ranking American officer persuades him to defend a black airman accused of murder. However, it gradually becomes clear racial prejudice has played a part in the accusation, and his client may have been framed. Second World War courtroom drama, starring Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell and Terrence Howard. (2002)

WEDNESDAY

A Girl Like Me: The Gwen Araujo Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Fact-based drama about a transgender teenager who gradually adopts a female identity. However, when her secret is uncovered at a party, she is beaten to death by four men. Her devoted mother then dedicates her life to bringing the killers to justice and campaigning for the rights of other transgender people. Starring JD Pardo, Mercedes Ruehl and Lupe Ontiveros. (2006)

The Thomas Crown Affair, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

THURSDAY

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Channel 4, 12.40pm
A Victorian scientist investigating the mysterious sinking of whaling ships in the Pacific falls overboard during an attack on his vessel. Along with a veteran mariner and a diver, he is picked up and taken captive by Captain Nemo and whisked away on a series of adventures in his futuristic submarine. Disney fantasy, based on Jules Verne's novel, starring Kirk Douglas, James Mason, Paul Lukas and Peter Lorre. (1954)

FRIDAY

Reservoir Dogs, Channel 5, 11pm
Criminals are employed by a crime boss to carry out a diamond robbery that goes disastrously wrong. In the bloody aftermath of the heist, they try to establish what happened and how the police were aware of their plans all along – leading to the hardening suspicion that one of them betrayed the gang. Quentin Tarantino's thriller, starring Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn and Steve Buscemi. (1992)

Pick of the Week

Mathew crashes back on to our TV screens

Unless you've been living on Mars for the past few weeks, you can't fail to have noticed the adverts for The Wrong Mans.

And yes, we do have that title correct – despite the horrible grammatical error it features, this is how James Corden and Mathew Baynton want their new sitcom to be known.

It seems that the Beeb has thrown its full weight behind the series for two reasons: it cost quite a lot of money to make, and because it's the latest project from Corden.

When it comes to collaborations, he certainly has good form. His highest profile project to date is Gavin and Stacey, which he co-wrote with pal Ruth Jones.

The gentle sitcom became a phenomenon a few years back, and if his latest offering is half as wonderful, it will be very good indeed. Obviously recreating that magic is tricky (just ask any band about their 'difficult second album' and you'll know what we mean), and it has to be said that The Wrong Mans is an altogether different kettle of fish, so don't be expecting wistful romance in Wales and Essex.

This time, Corden has collaborated with Horrible Histories star Baynton, who've been friends since working together on the movie Telstar.

"We started talking about our love of American boxset shows, and that feeling of having to watch the next week, and the production values that are in those shows," says Corden. "We started talking about whether it would be possible to do something where the stakes were that high, and the polish is that 'filmic.'

"And we felt like maybe people weren't writing that stuff because when you're writing, you're thinking about how you're going to get a thing made, and how you're going to get it even commissioned in the first place," adds Baynton.

"I think we felt like we should throw all those ideas out of the window, and just put a car crash in the first two minutes of the show, write a helicopter flying in and just see where we could go with it.

"We talked about film noirs," he continues. "The ones where someone very ordinary makes one single decision or mistake, and they're sucked into something where they're immediately out of their depth, and they spiral into disaster..."

Here, Corden and Baynton take the roles of Phil and Sam respectively. They work in the offices of Berkshire County Council, and their lives are turned upside down one day after Sam answers an abandoned mobile phone at the side of a car crash only he witnessed.

The voice on the other end of the line states: "If you are not here by five o'clock, we will kill your wife." But Sam isn't married, so who is the message meant for, and why has a woman been kidnapped?

Encouraged by a friend to investigate, Sam and Phil dodge bullets, escape explosions and put their lives on the line in an attempt to uncover the truth.

Sarah Solemani, Stephen Campbell Moore, Dan Renton Skinner and Karel Roden are among the supporting cast.

Mathew Baynton stars in The Wrong Mans, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food
BBC2, 8.30pm
That's a loaded title. After all, what is proper pub food? In some parts of the country it's a microwaved meal served in the plastic container, or breaded cod served up when you ordered plaice because the cook forgot to label the box in the freezer. All of which pub-based preamble brings us to the eponymous Michelin-starred chef. Classic British pub fare provides the template for this new series, and Tom kicks things off with dishes perfect for serving up to groups of friends. He demonstrates how to prepare slow-cooked shoulder of lamb with pommes boulangere, and a trip to a stall at Maltby Street market in Bermondsey, south-east London prompts the construction of a salt beef bagel.

Jamie's Money Saving Meals
Channel 4, 8pm
For a chef, Jamie Oliver doesn't half stir up a bit of controversy. Ahead of this series, which he hopes will help save hard-up families money, he ended up criticising the very people he's aiming his series at. Jamie's detractors have complained about his naivety (in the first edition he urged viewers to "spend money to save money," failing to grasp that not everyone has the cash in the first place), but it's hard to fault his motives. Here, he shows us how to prepare roast chicken with all the trimmings, before turning the leftovers into stew, and his recipes are enjoyable both for viewers on the breadline and those who have no trouble bringing home the bacon.

TUESDAY

The Sarah Millican Television Programme
BBC2, 9.30pm
One of the best things about Sarah Millican's comedy is that she's so down to earth, you feel she's really speaking to you. While most comics who achieve her level of success become used to a celebrity lifestyle, you get the impression Sarah would sooner settle down with a cuppa and pop the telly on. Which is why this series works so well: she's as hooked on the box as we are. As her third run begins this evening, she welcomes former Top Gear presenter Quentin Willson, Law & Order: UK star Bradley Walsh and Pointless co-host Richard Osman to talk about their particular brands of entertainment.

WEDNESDAY

Whitechapel
ITV, 9pm
Perhaps unsurprisingly, the killer is still one step ahead of the team, striking again quickly and leaving coded messages at the crime scenes, including a series of letters stapled to one of the victims. As Miles and Chandler question the motives behind the lethal deeds, the killer seems to be more interested in the victims' skin than their death. After a trip to the butchers, and a quick history lesson courtesy of Buchan (writer Steve Pemberton) with a nod to Quentin Tarantino, there's a visit to London's most spookily lit dentist… and one of the best pre-break shocks of the week. Could the killer be emulating Leatherface from The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, or rather Ed Gein, the killer who inspired the iconic murderer?

Gogglebox
Channel 4, 10pm
These days, you can watch your favourite programmes on demand and on the go, so why do many of us still prefer to actually settle down on the living room sofa and watch it on the telly? The first series of Gogglebox supplied one possible answer – sometimes the running commentary provided by our friends and family is more entertaining than the actual programmes. If you missed the first run, Gogglebox films families, friends and flatmates as they watch some of the biggest shows on the box. Now, the cameras are returning to the same outspoken households – as well as dropping in on some new recruits – to find out what they think about the current schedule.

Strictly Come Dancing, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

My Tattoo Addiction
Channel 4, 10pm
You might argue that tattoos simply aren't your thing, but even if that's the case, this insightful series will still hold your attention until long after those end credits roll. The three-parter takes a look at the world of tattoos and explores the unique stories behind them. First up, we meet the people who have chosen to get their skin inked to help them make a statement about the person they want to be. Father of six Paul is unemployed, and it's fair to say his facial tattoos are probably the reason why.

Amanda Knox Trial: 4 Key Questions
Channel 5, 10pm
As of September 30th, the eyes of the world will once again be on Amanda Knox, who was convicted and then acquitted of the murder of British exchange student Meredith Kercher in Perugia, Italy, in 2007. It's almost six years down the line, but the Supreme Court will begin a retrial in an attempt to determine once and for all who actually killed the student. This documentary hears from two of the finest minds in the Italian legal system – Fulvia Guardascione arguing for the prosecution, Alexander Guttieres for the defence.

FRIDAY

Strictly Come Dancing
BBC1, 9pm
So, we've seen the launch show and we know who's been paired off with which professional dancer – Hollyoaks actor Ashley Taylor Dawson was clearly pleased with the draw, going into a fake swoon when he discovered he'd been matched with Ola Jordan. What we don't yet know, though, is whether any of this year's bunch are any good, because that group number didn't really give us much to go on. But now we're about to find out as the first group of celebs take to the floor for the first of the weekend's shows.

Brain Gym No.239

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

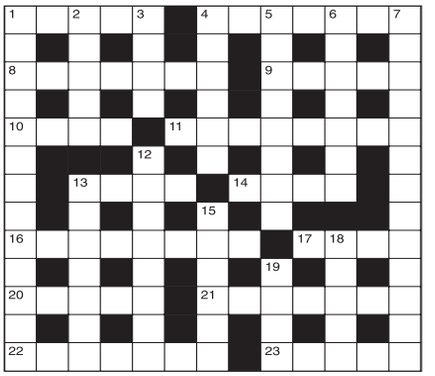
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. We go round in a hundred and don't enjoy it, apparently (5)
4. It clears the vision, but deceives the judgement (7)
8. A reason why the vessel was fast? (7)
9. Anaesthetic obtained from scarlet herbs (5)
10. Got the weapon out but didn't win (4)
11. He often stops while working (8)
13. A strange kind of plant (4)
14. Send a ball up just under the roof (4)
16. Got out of bed? (8)
17. He follows the account painfully (4)
20. The very lowest drain, perhaps (5)
21. They make very fine traps (7)
22. Tributes to the dead from the wars (7)
23. Piece of meat entirely disposed of (5)

Down

1. Question put by examiners? Fancy that! (4,2,3,4)
2. Patient caretaker (5)
3. Where needles are kept, just in case (4)
4. Last, though almost sure to finish first (6)
5. Its users have no need to take flight to reveal confusion (8)
6. Faithless type (7)
7. England's hero - the noon sailor perhaps (7,6)
12. He's in favour of dictation, naturally (8)
13. Contract that makes a ferryman redundant? (7)
15. It checks the growth of population (6)
18. Box that may expand (5)
19. Workers make a bee-line for it! (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. White heron (5)
4. Under (7)
8. Feast (7)
9. Drive back (5)
10. Dregs (4)
11. Delight (8)
13. Stagger (4)
14. Solitary (4)
16. Usual (8)
17. Tender (4)
20. Break out (5)
21. Small crown (7)
22. Tiny tot (7)
23. Mistake (5)

Down

1. Ornament (13)
2. Scope (5)
3. Excursion (4)
4. Combat (6)
5. Story-teller (8)
6. Glass vial (7)
7. In confused haste (6-7)
12. Abstaining from liquor (8)
13. Bounce (7)
15. Cavalryman (6)
18. Possessor (5)
19. Impel (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Imprudent; 8 Plum; 9 Hard lines; 10 Racoon; 11 Cells; 14 Tibet; 15 Spar; 16 Spots; 18 Film; 20 Takes; 21 Bison; 24 Warsaw; 25 Refuse tip; 26 Lair; 27 Aegean Sea. Down: 1 Aperitifs; 2 Dutch bulb; 4 Mean; 5 Ridge; 6 Drills; 7 Noes; 9 Hosts; 11 Clown; 12 Spokesman; 13 Crossword; 17 Strap; 19 Minute; 22 Ocean; 23 Cede; 24 Wipe. QUICK - Across: 3 Apprehend; 8 Name; 9 Dramatist; 10 Outset; 11 Steer; 14 Ratio; 15 Dawn; 16 Nexus; 18 Poor; 20 Heave; 21 Needy; 24 Remiss; 25 Desertion; 26 Turn; 27 Prostrate. Down: 1 Incorrupt; 2 Imitation; 4 Part; 5 Remit; 6 Hatred; 7 Nose; 9 Demon; 11 Sixty; 12 Rapacious; 13 Incessant; 17 Sheen; 19 Recess; 22 Deter; 23 Tear; 24 Rout.

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Savvy

Merry Hill will help you embrace this season's hottest trends: make sure you're fashion savvy by investing in leather or fur, which appeared on almost every AW catwalk. Whether it's a fur cuff or a leather pocket, these are the textures of the season. Next's faux leather skirt is the perfect base for any outfit and only £28.

Metallic prints bring a luxurious gleam to the winter months and are perfect for the party season. Whether you prefer to dip a toe or dive right in, glistening metallics are a great way to spruce up any outfit this season, whatever the occasion – check out Accessorize's fabulous metallic leather gloves, £22, to add a sparkle to your day!

Cobalt blue is a brighter, more playful shade of navy, and is the colour to be seen in this season. Rock the trend by working cobalt separates with contrasting colours such as mustard yellow, bold reds or crisp whites.

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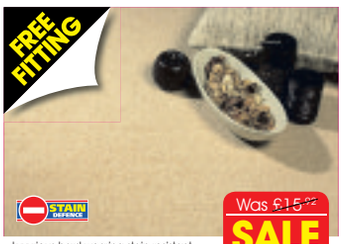

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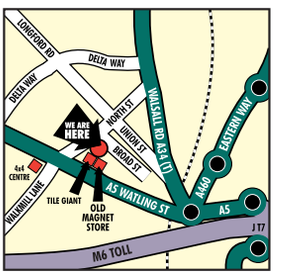

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Autumn is time to give your grasses a little TLC

IF your lawn is still brown and suffering from stress through drought the only way through is to water more often or wait for the return of regular rainfall.

Whichever one you choose it will pay dividends if you start your lawn renovation programme by spiking the whole area.

You can buy or often hire a roll along spiker, but it is not easy to use when the soil is hard and dry.

Instead I prefer to use my trusty garden fork as you can easily make holes that are around 10cm (4in) in depth without too much effort.

Drive the fork into the soil and stand on the fork so that the tines penetrate to the required depth and gently rock the fork backwards and forwards and then remove vertically.

Work away from the treated area so you don't walk over the area you have aerated. Spiking has two benefits. It reduces compaction and aerates the soil, allowing more air and water into the root area. As a result, you will find that any rain that falls, especially thunderstorms, will more easily penetrate down to the root area instead of running off.

If you have just a few bare patches in the lawn use Miracle-Gro Patch Magic to quickly and easily fill them in. Rake out any dead grass and loosen the soil surface.

Patches

If the soil is bone dry, then water the patches thoroughly before you apply the triple-action repair treatment.

After the water has soaked through apply the seed, feed and coir mix, add more water to turn the coir compost carrier dark brown and let it start to work.

If the compost returns to its original light brown you know that it needs more water.

In warm weather you should be able to see new grass growing between a week and a fortnight after application.

Next job is to collect each week any dead leaves that fall on the lawn. If they are left they can encourage bare patches and the spread of disease. Rake up or blow the leaves into heaps ready for composting.

To help them break down more quickly, shred the leaves into smaller pieces and then add to the leaf mould pile adding a special compost activator to get the heap going.

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TOPICAL TIP

If you are planning to sow a new lawn this autumn prepare the area now, ready to sow the seed early in October. Dig out all perennial weeds and flatten the surface. Allow to consolidate for at least 3 weeks so that all weed seeds germinate and these can be cleared with Weedol Rootkill Plus or Fast Action Roundup Ready to Use.

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If you pick off the faded flower heads of these perennials and from remaining bedding plants then you can encourage a long-lasting display.

Watering of bedding plants during September, may be necessary if the weather is warm and dry. Watering will help to encourage plants to continue flowering although for maximum production they will need a weekly dose of a soluble plant food to keep them going.

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A favourite Coneflowers (Rudbeckia)

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Boost

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Some autumn flowering plants, especially golden rod (Solidago) and Michaelmas daisies (Aster) are subject to attack from powdery mildew disease.

If you see the first signs of the tell-tale symptoms then the only solution is to spray with either FungusClear Ultra (a concentrate for mixing in your own pressure sprayer) or FungusClear Ultra Gun! (a diluted spray that is ready-to use).

Keep an eye on other ornamentals that may be susceptible to powdery mildew including late flowering clematis and verbena.

Roses may well be showing signs of powdery mildew or rose blackspot on mature leaves.

At this time of the year it is a good idea to pick off all the leaves that are showing disease and disposing of these in the dustbin rather than on the compost heap. Before the end of September spray with Roseclear Ultra or Roseclear Ultra Gun! to control pests at the same time and remember to start spraying your roses next year with a fungicide as soon as the fresh leaves unfurl and repeat regularly.

Temperatures

It's not unusual at this time of the year to see the damage from extra slugs and snails that have emerged as temperatures fall and dew is formed more readily.

If you see holes being eaten in leaves of hostas then it's time to water over their leaves with a liquid slug killer such as SlugClear.

This concentrate should be used to wet the leaves and surrounding soil to control those molluscs above and below ground.

Unlike pellets, a liquid slug killer does not leave any visible deposits that could be eaten by domestic pets and can be used on and around any ornamental plant.

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Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai i10 Classic 1.2: Urban 50.4 (5.6), Extra Urban 68.9 (4.1), Combined 61.4 (4.6), CO2 Emissions 108 g/km. Hyundai i20 Classic 1.25dr: Urban 46.3 (6.1), Extra Urban 67.3 (4.2), Combined 57.6 (4.9), CO2 Emissions 114 g/km.

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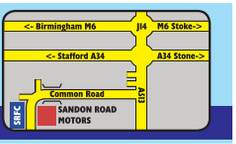

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Motoring

New-look Forester looks set to make its mark

The new Subaru Forester XE can stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in its class

The Forester dashboard has large, user-friendly controls

COMPLETELY redesigned from the ground up the latest Subaru Forester XE is a surprising challenger in the SUV sector.

It's over 15 years since I drove my first Forester and the change in everything from quality to performance is a revelation.

The Forester now stands shoulder to shoulder with the best in this class in terms of power, economy, standard features and price, and with all-wheel drive as standard.

The 150PS engine comes with 198Nm of torque and when partnered with the Lineartronic automatic transmission will deliver 41mpg on the combined cycle yet CO2 levels only reach 150g/km – so it has to be considered an option when looking to purchase in this sector.

Popular

When the model went on sale in the UK this May it was the fourth-generation of the SUV and is quickly becoming the Japanese brand's most popular model.

Last year, the Forester accounted for 170,000 sales globally – 27 per cent of Subaru's total sales – with 15,000 sold in Europe.

Since the Forester was introduced in 1997, European sales in the SUV-C segment have increased eightfold.

Forester offers a high and commanding driving position and cabin and cargo size has been significantly increased by expanding the wheelbase and widening the body.

The high-speed ride is good but things get a bit bumpier at lower speeds and I've felt more comfortable steering some of the opposition models.

All Foresters have twin front and side airbags, plus curtain airbags that cover both rows of seats and there are active anti-whiplash headrests.

Stability control, hill-start assist and Isofix child-seat mountings are standard on all models along with an engine immobiliser.

XE models and above get eight-way electrically-adjustable seats and the steering wheel has plenty of adjustment, too.

The dashboard has large, user-friendly buttons, but the sat-nav system looks a bit of an after-thought and proved too complicated for me – though complex sat-navs are a personal nightmare for me.

There are six trim levels for buyers to choose from, all with a generous level of standard equipment.

XE and XE Premium is available on all naturally-aspirated petrol models; X, XC and XC Premium on all diesel models and XT, the highest specification, is standard on 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol versions of the new Forester.

Lineartronic is available on XE and XE Premium models and is fitted as standard to XT versions.

All Forester buyers will have the peace-of-mind of a five-year, 100,000 mile warranty, plus a 12-year anti-corrosion guarantee.

Prices for the new Subaru Forester are increased only marginally over the outgoing model, despite the much higher specification.

The most affordable model in the range, the 2.0D X, starts at £24,995 on the road while the range-topping 2.0i XT is £30,995. The XE CVT on test would set you back £26,995.

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Fantastic 4 two-door is all new from BMW

GOOD news normally comes in threes, but BMW would have you believe that it comes in fours too.

The German firm's 3 Series is arguably its most important car; it regularly features in the list of top ten sellers in the UK, it manages that difficult feat of being popular with private buyers as well as fleets and it even manages to transform itself into a desirable sports car wearing an M badge.

By Matt Joy

There's certainly no shortage of love for the 3.

But now there's a BMW 4 Series, although the cynics amongst you might describe this as the 3 Series Coupe. But a coupe it most certainly is, which means it will feature on a lot of wish lists – with good reason too.

Aside from the obvious reduction in the number of doors, 4 Series models are marked out by a number of visual differences – only the bonnet is shared with its four-door cousin.

There are bigger headlights (with optional LEDs), a more aggressive front bumper, flared wheelarches and also 'air breathers' – small vents in the front wings which are primarily for improving aerodynamics but are also designed to catch the eye.

Standard

There are LED lights at the rear as standard too, and with the lower ride height and wider track there is a definite increased sense of purpose about the 4 Series. On paper you might question paying more for fewer doors, but once you've seen it in the flesh it starts to make sense; this is one handsome beast.

Skinnier-tyred versions might not look quite as slick, but a sensible person with an eye for the aesthetic will be selecting at least an 18-inch wheel from the options list.

On the inside there's the familiar cabin layout which, in typical BMW fashion, manages to hit all the notes. The supportive seats, the crystal-clear instruments and the reassuring snap of all the buttons puts you at ease behind the wheel. It might only be a small change but the front seats are mounted 9mm lower than in the saloon, contributing to the sport feeling you expect from a car like this.

In the back there's a similar amount of room for passengers but the seats aresculpted to offer a bit more support to keep them in place as you tackle a challenging road. The lower roofline means a fraction less headroom,but only Herman Munster will find it a problem.

It's not just visual either. Thanks to the standard lowered suspension BMW claims the 4 Series has the lowest centre of gravity of any model in its range – something that is a crucial element of good driving dynamics.

And perhaps unsurprisingly it is the way the 4 Series tackles the bends that really shows it in its best light. With sizeable wheels and tyres on this 435i version there is huge amounts of grip on offer, although when pressed there is sufficient power available to play the hooligan.

But the 4 Series is best savoured by being driven more smoothly, and enjoying the quick and accurate steering, excellent body control and sheer enthusiasm – it tackles bends with a genuine joy to match any enthusiastic driver.

Thrifty

The engine range comprises of thrifty petrols and diesels including the popular 2.0-litre diesel already seen in the 320d as well as the turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol, but here the range-topping 435i delivers a very strong 302bhp thanks to its twin-turbochargers.

The super-slick eight-speed automatic transmission works superbly whether its in auto or manual mode, and with the EcoPro, Comfort, Sport and Sport+ modes governing everything from the suspension, steering, throttle response and gearshift operation the 4 Series is genuinely capable of adapting to your current needs.

There's a rational case for saying that you can get 95 per cent of what the 4 Series offers from its only slightly more humble four-door siblings, but that would be missing the point entirely.

There's extra style as well as presence, and that's something that anyone who can afford it, will. With the 4 Series, there is genuine ability to back up the looks.

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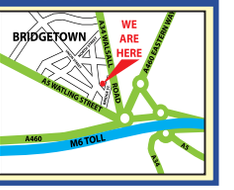

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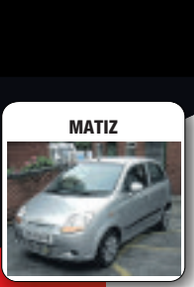
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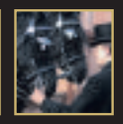

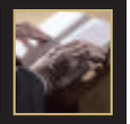

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deaths

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Barbara

Of Chadsmoor, passed away on September 10, 2013, aged 77 years.

The beloved Wife of Joe and loving Mom of Dean, also a dear Grandmom, Aunty, Mother-in-law and Friend.

Service will be held at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, on Thursday, September 26, at 11am, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only.

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Sadly missed by Daughter Carol, Son-in-law Ray, Son Stephen, Daughter-in-law Jan and Grandchildren.

Funeral Service to take place on Monday, September 23, at Stafford Crematorium at 11.30am.

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HILL

Steven Jeffery

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Sadly missed by Wife Sarah, Daughters Samantha, Alison and Family.

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Donations welcome to the RNLI.

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HILL

Steven

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You were a true Friend to anyone who knew you.

You left us suddenly and we couldn't say goodbye.

Our hearts are broken, you hid your pain to protect us and we shall always love and miss you.

From, Mom, Sarah, Alison and Sam, Kevin, Helen and Mel, Chris, Jackie and Matthew.

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KENDRICK

John

Sadly passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

He was very much loved by all his Family and Friends and will be missed by all who knew him.

His Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, September 24, at Bushbury Crematorium, West Chapel, at 11.15am.

Family flowers only please.

Donations, if desired, for Air Ambulance c/o:

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LOCKLEY

George William

Passed away on Thursday, September 12, aged 76 years at home.

His Funeral Service will take place on Friday, September 20, at Stafford Crematorium at 9.30am, followed by the wake at Lea Hall Club.

All welcome.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 11.30am every Tuesday for the same weeks edition.

MARTIN

Graham

Proprietor of the Green Bus Service.

Died peacefully at New Cross Hospital on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.

His Funeral Service will take place on Monday, September 23, at Great Wyrley Cemetery, at 1pm.

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TART

Alan

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God bless you Big Al.

Love, Jack and Marg.

XXX

in memoriam

STEWARD

Terry

Passed away September 13, 2012

I try and think of happy times when you were by my side, but the sadness that I am feeling is impossible to hide.

Love and kisses Wendy.

XXX

acknowledgements

WOOTTON

Andy

The Family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy shown to them at the loss of Andy.

Special thanks to Norton and District Funeral Directors.

All donations received will go to a local charity of Andy's choice.

anniversary remembrances

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Susan

Today we would have been for 38 years on September 20th.

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Loving Husband Robin.

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births

CONGRATULATIONS

Katie and Matt on the birth of our Grandson Mason James

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Love, Mom and Dad Carter, Steph, Jon and Jill.

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Hood - Carter

Congratulations Kate and Matt on the birth of our beautiful Grandson Mason James

Born on Friday 13th.

Love, Mom and Dad.

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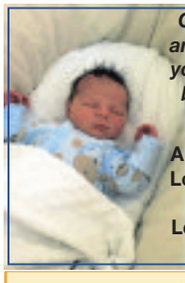

Congratulations Katie and Matt on the birth of your beautiful baby boy born 13th September 2013 Mason James.

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coming of age

Tara Fullwood

19th September 2013

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marriages

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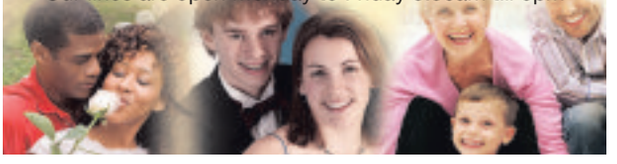

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A Public Notice for the purposes of Section 121 of The Charities Act 2011 (for sale or lease of Property)

Canal & River Trust acting as Trustee of The Waterways Infrastructure Trust (charity registration number 1146792-2) (the Charity) gives notice that the Charity proposes to:

- release the land adjoining the Trent and Mersey canal at Rugeley (shown edged red on the plan to which can be viewed at the Charities Fazeley office (the address of which is shown at the bottom of this notice)) from the covenants and other obligations contained in a transfer dated 28 March 2008 and made between British Waterways Board (1) and Spring Rugeley Limited (2) and relating to the land adjoining the canal at Rugeley registered at the Land Registry under title number SF538758.
- The Trustee of the Charity has been approached with a request to release the benefit of these covenants of which the Charity's property enjoy.

Any representations or comments in relation to the proposed transaction should be sent for consideration to the following address by no later than 17 October 2013.

Canal & River Trust acting as Trustee of the Waterways Infrastructure Trust, Estates Department, Peels Wharf, Lichfield Street, Fazeley, Tamworth, Staffordshire B78 3QZ.

Dated: 19 September 2013

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD AND M6 TOLL MOTORWAY
(CHURCHBRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road and M6 Toll Motorway in the County of Staffordshire to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to –

1) close–
   (i) the A5 between its junction with Walkmill Lane and the roundabout junction with the A34 Walsall Road and A460;
   (ii) the A5 between the roundabout junction with he A34 Walsall Road and A460 and the roundabout junction with the A460 and the slip road leading to the M6 Toll at Junction T7, including the circulatory carriageway of that roundabout;
   (iii) the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the M6 Toll at Junction T7;
   (iv) the slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M6 Toll at Junction T7; and
   (v) the A5 link road leading from the roundabout junction with the A460 and the slip road leading to the M6 Toll at Junction T7 to the roundabout junction with the A34 Walsall Road and the slip road leading from the M6 Toll at Junction T7; and
2) prohibit vehicles from entering or leaving any side road on the length of A5 described at 1) (i) above.

Work will be carried out over thirteen nights between 21:30 hours and 05:30 hours and is expected to start on Wednesday 25 September 2013. The Order will come into force on 20 September 2013.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade, or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures and prohibitions. Diversion routes using A460, A4601 or B4154, A5190 and A460, and vice versa will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Purnima Kaul on 0121 678 8586.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE)
(TEMPORARY 30 MILES PER HOUR SPEED RESTRICTION)
ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road near Cannock in the County of Staffordshire to enable XXX works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 30 miles per hour speed restriction on the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A5 between points 750 metres east and 250 metres west of the junction with Four Crosses Lane and Poplar Lane.

The work is expected to start on Monday 7 October 2013and continue for ten days. The Order will come into force on 4 October 2013. Vehicles being used by the emergency services or special forces will be exempt from the speed restriction.

For more information please contact Purnima Kaul on 0121 6878586.

Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS
Cannock Chase Council

Application affecting Horse Fair and Bow Street Conservation Area
CH/13/0317
45 Bow Street, Rugeley
Residential development:- Conversion of building into 2 houses and 6 flats.
Application affecting a listed building
CH/13/0318
45 Bow Street
Listed building consent for internal and external works.

All applications may be inspected at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.

Applications relating to Rugeley and Brereton may also be inspected at the Rugeley Area Housing Office, Anson Street, Rugeley

The Council has published a Service Charter for publicity and information about planning applications and a Code of Conduct for the Planning Process both of which are obtainable from Council Offices free of charge.

If you wish to make comments about any of the above proposals you should do so in writing to the Planning Services Manager, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS111BG by 10/10/2013 Please include a daytime telephone number in your reply and quote the appropriate reference when calling or writing.

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Staffordshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004
THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CANNOCK CHASE) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CONVERSION)
ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT) NO. 13/2013

1. Staffordshire County Council made a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which:
   (a) prevents you from parking your vehicle at any time on the following lengths of roads:
   Brunswick Road, Cannock (both sides) – from the end of the existing waiting restrictions at the junction of Brunswick Road/ Hanover Place/Georgian Place in a northerly direction to a point approximately 38 metres north of the centreline of that junction.
   Hanover Place, Cannock (both sides) – from its junction with Brunswick Road in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 24 metres.
   Georgian Place, Cannock (both sides) – from its junction with Brunswick Road in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 19 metres.
   Hamelin Street, Cannock (both sides) – from its junction with Brunswick Road in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 16 metres.
   Brunswick Road, Cannock (both sides) – from a point approximately 10 metres south of the centreline of its junction with Hamelin Street in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres.
   Lysander Way, Cannock (both sides) – from its junction with Brunswick Road in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 7 metres.
   Brunswick Road, Cannock (east side) – from a point approximately 5 metres south of the centreline of its junction with Lysander Way in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 24 metres.
   (b) prevents you from parking your vehicle between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on the following length of road:
   Brunswick Road, Cannock – from a point approximately 38 metres north of the centreline of its junction with Hanover Place to a point approximately 10 metres south of the centreline of its junction with Hamelin Street, a total distance of approximately 95 metres.
2. Exceptions will permit waiting for the purposes of taking up and setting down passengers; loading or unloading goods; for vehicles displaying a Disabled Person's Badge; and where necessary in connection with the maintenance of roads and the supply of gas, electricity, telephones, sewerage services and water and in the service of the Environment Agency; for emergency service vehicles; for vehicles being used for the provision of a universal postal service by a universal service provider; for buses waiting at an authorised bus stop; for vehicles being used for floods defence works or land drainage works; and for so long as is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral.
3. This Order will amend the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009.
4. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 13/2013.
5. This Order will amend the Plan marked BI 238 incorporating waiting restrictions on those roads specified in Article No. 1 above and which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 and in substitution thereof and add a new Plan marked BI 237.
6. Any person who desires to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of those sections or of Parts I, II, and III of Schedule 9 of the Act or any regulations made under the said Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.
7. The Order will come into operation on 25 September 2013

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Ace Charlie is Streets ahead after goal salvo

Wyrley Jurs Utd U13s 9
Lichfield City Spires 1

A GREAT team performance led to a resounding victory for Wyrley.

Each player made a significant contribution – particularly after Lichfield had taken the lead to stun the hosts.

Great play down the left found Charlie Street in the Lichfield box and he calmly brought United level.

Tom Wheeldon then got into the act and rounded the keeper to put United 2-1 up. John Mcdermott turned provider when he hit a great cross into the box for Street to head home his second and Wyrley's third and Street completed a first half hat-trick via the underside of the crossbar.

To cap a fine comeback Tom Peacock jinked on the edge of the box, before hitting a shot into the bottom corner of the net for Wyrley's fifth.

The second half saw Lichfield push players forward and make the first 10 minutes difficult for Wyrley,. But Man of the Match Street hit United's sixth goal, before Mcdermott struck number seven.

Wheeldon headed home Wyrley's eighth and then set up Sam Foreman to hit United's final goal.

M&B edge ever closer

M&B Cheslyn Hay are edging closer to a successful defence of their Dudley Building Society Premier Division bowls title as they defeated Penn A 10-4.

Chadsmoor Progressive's 9-5 win over The George means M&B Cheslyn Hay moved a further point clear and are 10 points ahead with two games remaining.

Results – Premier Division: M&B Cheslyn Hay A 10 Penn A 4, Chadsmoor A 9 The George 5, Cradley Sports 5 Victoria Park 11, Dudley Dell A 10 Willenhall Nordley B 4, Willenhall Nordley A 14 Woodfield A 0, Windmill 12 ECC 2. Division 1: Amery 9 Glasscutters 5, Langley A 14 Pennfields A 0, Lea Hall 11 Hilly House 3, Penn B 11 Heath Hayes 3, Sedgley Ex Service 9 Hawkins Sports 5. Division 2: Bylet 14 DMBEC 0, Codsall Ex Service 10 Woodfield C 4, Goodrich 11 Dudley Dell B 3, Shifnal A 8 Greets Green 6, Stile 12 Chadsmoor B 2, Woodman Saltwells 13 M&B Cheslyn Hay B 1. Division 3: ECC B 10 Springvale 4, Oaklands 11 Wombourne B 3, Pennfields C10 Langley B 4, The Gate 11 Penkridge 3, Wombourne A 10 Kingswinford Cons 4, Yale Social 14 Shifnal B 0.

Golfers play a round in annual fundraiser

Walsall Breast Cancer Care Group supporters with Bob and Nick Plimmer from PVCu Direct

GOLFERS teed off to raise more than £6,500 for two separate causes at a charity golf day.

The sixth annual charity golf day, held by PVCu Direct, was held at Bloxwich Golf Club at the end of last month. Some 160 players took part in the fundraiser for Walsall Breast Cancer Care Group.

A raffle, drinks buggy and nearest the pin competition helped to boost the coffers, with an auction in the evening also being held.

The day was won by PIA Wealth Managment with 90 points, ahead of Amber Kitchens on 89 points. In third place was the Dark Destroyers with 85 points.

Nick Plimmer, from PVCu Direct, said: "Overall on the day we raised a fantastic amount of £5,120 for Walsall Breast Cancer Care Group. This takes our total for six years to £33,000."

He added: "Also on the day we raised £1,560 for The British Heart Foundation after a close friend and member of Bloxwich Golf Club, Marcus Malcolm suddenly died this year.

"I just want to thank everyone for their support and we will continue to support the charity next year."

A bonus is earned on first league encounter

Cannock 27 Tenbury 10

CANNOCK Rugby Club welcomed Tenbury to the Morgan Ground in the first league game of the campaign and saw their visitors claim an early score to take a 5-0 lead.

Cannock dominated the rest of the half and drew level with their first try scored by Daniel Mayle.

Man of the Match Will Jukes was left one-on-one with his opposite number to take Cannock in front and that lead was extended with a conversion.

A Pedley penalty made it 15-5 at the break.

A conversion followed Mayle's second try of the game, extending Cannock's lead to 22-5 and Josh Humphreys secured a bonus point when he touched down to make it 27-5.

At the final play Cannock found themselves with only 12 men on the pitch after some very questionable yellow cards so one last flurry from the visitors was inevitable and their fly half finished the game with a try.

Cannock travel to Warley this week in the league.

Senior training is on Wednesdays from 7pm, junior training is on Sundays from 10.30am and the Lionesses train from 7pm on Mondays.

Kicker Will's personal tally is Peach of a haul

Burntwood 53 Wednesbury 11 - Midlands 3 West North

BURNTWOOD scored 34 unanswered second half points to back up their county cup win a week earlier over the same opponents.

The win also earned Burntwood a bonus point, but it was Wednesbury who started well.

They went ahead with a penalty just three minutes in, but held the lead for just five minutes before the hosts ran in the first of their seven tries.

Skipper Ian Jones darted for the line but when he was held up hooker Danny Poole was there to dive over for the score. Will Peach added a fine conversion.

Three minutes later the deficit was back to a single point via a penalty struck from 30 metres in front of the posts.

Repeated

With 20 minutes gone, Jones stretched over for a try converted by Peach.

Five minutes later the visitors hit back by disrupting a scrum in the home 22. They broke off the back to charge over the line for a try but it went unconverted.

A series of repeated technical offences cost Wednesbury a player to the sin bin with half an hour gone and Burntwood made them pay.

Burntwood were able to stretch the visitors' defence, providing winger Nick Peplow with an opening and he fought his way over.

Burntwood Rugby

Before the break, Wednesbury missed two chances to score to leave the hosts ahead on 19-11.

Three minutes after the turnaround Peach extended the lead with a sweetly struck drop goal. He then converted an excellent try by James Langford which earned the bonus point.

Play passed the hour mark before Josh Bayliss made a good break which led to a penalty. Peach made no mistake to make it 32-11.

Then the hosts hit a purple patch in the last 10 minutes to run in three tries, through Craig Seedhouse, Danny Poole and Langford. Peach converted all three to give him a personal 18-point tally.

The two highest scorers on the first week of league action face each this weekend as Burntwood travel to Bloxwich. The second string host Aldridge 2nds and the Development Squad are away to Wednesbury 3rds – all kick-offs are 3pm.

Last week the seconds beat Wednesbury 66-5.

Players kitted out ahead of the big kick-off

Church Farm FC under-7s are kitted out and ready for action in the Lichfield & District Recreational League

A BURNTWOOD football team is kitted out ahead of its first ever league season.

Church farm FC under-7s have been training together since the age of four, but are now ready to start their first season in the Lichfield & District Recreational League.

Coaches have worked hard to prepare the squad for their first ever full season and have secured sponsorship from Crown Construction and Diamond Car Sales, Burntwood.

The team also stepped out on the big stage when they were invited to Staffordshire's FA headquarters, St George's Park, Burton. The players enjoyed a training session led by FA coaches at the multi-million pound facility.

They had a tour of the grounds and a look at the memorabilia and saw the squads of both the England women and Italian under-18s.

Blues boys leave it late

Castle Vale JKS U9s 1
Heath Hayes Blues 2

HEATH Hayes Blues maintained their impressive start to season with a fine victory against a tough Castle Vale side.

Castle Vale JKS took the lead just after half-time and could have had the game won had it not been for Heath Hayes Blues keeper Tom Quinney, who was Man of the Match.

With just minutes to go Sam Brown struck a fine left foot shot which evaded the keeper to equalise and with virtually the last kick of the game Isaac Turner beat the last man to smash the ball past the keeper.

Heath Hayes Whites 1
Lichfield Vipers U9s 2

Heath Hayes Whites were narrowly beaten in a game they could easily have won.

Man of the Match Calum Troath scored for the Whites but it wasn't enough to earn a share of the spoils.

The home team didn't take their chances and were made to pay the price.

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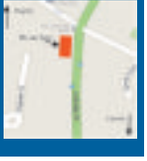

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Turner's relishing trip from Wolves

Manager Graham Turner

FORMER Wolves boss Graham Turner says he is relishing the return of his old club to Shrewsbury Town this weekend.

It will be his first competitive outing against his former employers in 19 years. And Turner, now boss at Greenhous Meadow, is expecting a warm reception from the travelling faithful.

"The game against Wolves is going to be one of the highlights of the season and something for us all to relish." said Turner.

"It's a great privilege that I am given such a warm welcome whenever I go back there now."

It was back in 1994, having picked up the reins of the broken down, ramshackle remnants of a once great club as it languished in the old Fourth Division, that his contract was terminated with Wolves still anguishing over that final push into the Premier League.

Safe

It would be another nine years before they made it while Turner settled for preserving Hereford's very existence as a football club.

"Their position now is sad to see more as a former supporter," he says. "But I know Kenny Jackett well enough to know he's a good choice, a safe pair of hands."

Turner's sole focus these days, is of course, Shrewsbury. At 65, he is now one of the game's dinosaurs, a manager who once had Wolves training on a potholed car park before matches but these days oversees a progressive and beautifully-manicured new Shrewsbury set-up.

"Managing expectations of the supporters is difficult, having ambitions that are realistic to the club's size," said Turner.

"Our chairman has effectively saved the club, built a new ground, lovely facilities, a training pitch and we're progressing up the league."

Four out of four for table-topping Yates

Cannock Chase League by Tim Elsmore

PREMIER Division table-toppers **Yates Sports** made it four wins from four to stretch their lead at the top to five points after scraping a 2-1 win over **Brereton Town**.

The hero of the day was young Ryan Wilkes with both goals.

Brereton Social Lion climb to second after coming from a goal down to beat **Belt Road** 2-1, Sam Cowlishaw with a last-minute winner.

The Littleton won their first game in the Premier League beating **Premier Suite** 5-2 to go third. **Rugeley Utd** beat **Red, White and Blue** 4-2, while **AFC Jubilee** replace **Nelson Inn** at the top after beating them 2-1, Craig Ball with the winning goal from the penalty spot.

The Drill of Burntwood go second by beating **Bar Sport** 4-0. **The Why Not** beat **Chase Spartans** 2-0.

Crystal Fountain are top of Division Three with a 100 per cent record beating **Jubilee** 6-1. Jake West scored a hat-trick.

Wyrley Juniors knocked **The Castle** off top spot with a 6-0 beating. Matty Moseley scored four first half goals.

AFC Railway fought back from two goals down to beat **Hazel Slade** 3-2. New signing Shaun Charles snatched the winner.

Brinsford Prison won their first game beating **Bridgtown Social** 4-3. **Pear Tree** go top after thrashing **Cannock Ex** 12-0.

Second-placed **Hen House** recorded a club record by winning their first five games of the season, this time a 2-1 win over **Cannock Rangers**. Sean Carroll scored all four for **AFC Essington** in a 4-3 win over **Nags Head**.

Woody's picked up their first point with a 3-3 draw against **AFC Fern**.

Prairie Farm won their first game of the season beating **Nest FC** 6-3 to leapfrog them at the bottom. **Rugeley Rangers** and **Pied Piper** drew 4-4.

Fixtures for Sunday, September 22: Premier: Belt Road v Yates Sports; Brereton Social Lion v Premier Suite; Brereton Town v The Littleton; Ridware Oak v Red White & Blue; Rugeley United v Hawkins Sports.

Division 1: Bar Sports v Why Not; Harrisons v AFC Jubilee; Nelson Inn v The Drill of Burntwood; TNT v Chase Spartans.

Division 2: AFC Slade v The Ascot; Cheslyn Hay v Victoria; Colliers Arms v Talbot; Hawkins Inex v Lea Hall; Ollys v Victoria Ath; Samson Blewitt v Trafalgar.

Division 3: AFC Winding Wheel v Bridgtown Social; Brinsford v AFC Railway; Castle v Bloxwich Cow; Crystal Fountain v Hazel Slade; Jubilee v King George V Casuals.

Division 4: AFC Fern v Rugeley Rangers; Cannock Rangers v AFC Piper; Pear Tree v AFC Essington; The Nest v Hen House; The Soldiers v Cannock Ex.

Cannock Chase Cup Round 2: CK Courtyard v Wyrley Juniors.

Staffs FA Sam Kimberley Cup Round 1: AFC Nags Head v Prairie Farm; Mill Farm v AFC Woody's.

A sluggish start – and it's costly for visitors

Loughborough 3 Cannock 1

CANNOCK'S Premier League Hockey side suffered a disappointing defeat in their first league fixture.

The result was all the more difficult to accept after Cannock's excellent pre-season build-up

On Saturday they travelled to Loughborough University to play a young student side rebuilding after several of their last year's team had moved on.

Loughborough came out sharper and Cannock began sluggishly and got caught by a James Spain strike within the first minute.

Cannock rallied and opened up the Loughborough defence. On 15 minutes a good passing exchange saw Nick Bandurak send a reverse shot into the roof of the net to level the score.

Relaxed

With the clock running down towards half-time, Loughborough found the back of the net from a short corner but the 'goal' was overturned because of an infringement.

Cannock relaxed too much too soon and Loughborough regained the lead through Dominic Bowden.

With 10 minutes to go a lack of concentration gave Loughborough's Chris Griffiths the opportunity to slot home their third goal.

Cannock entertain newly promoted Wimbledon on Sunday, kicking off at 2pm.

Cannock beat beaten Wimbledon in a pre-season friendly but the London side have been active in the transfer market and should arrive at Chase Park with a strong side.

Supersub settles it to halt Scholars progress

Stafford Rangers 2 Chasetown 0

SUPERSUB Dan Cope came off the bench to help send Stafford through to the second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

And it was a dream return for the striker who had been sidelined for five months with a broken ankle.

"Dan is a natural footballer who has a lovely shot on him," Stafford's caretaker boss Andy Mutch said. "He has scored with a cracking finish and looked threatening all the time he was on the pitch.

"The result was the most important thing and I suppose in the last 15 minutes we could have scored quite a few goals if we had shown more composure. But overall I am very pleased and we have kept another clean sheet."

Floated

Boro could not have wished for a better start, taking the lead after just four minutes. Sean Kinsella floated over a corner from the right and James McCarthy guided his header into the top left-hand corner from eight yards.

There should have been a second for the home side midway through the half when McCarthy lifted the ball over the defence to Danny Quinn but the unmarked striker managed to blaze over the target from in front of goal. Lee Butler

Chasetown

went close for the Scholars with a shot against the woodwork from a narrow angle while home defender Darren Bullock directed a header at Chasetown keeper Ryan Price just before the break.

The visitors were awarded a penalty six minutes into the second half following Lucan Spittle's foul on Ramone Stephens but with spot-kick regular Simon Brown unavailable, Louis Keenan crashed his effort against the crossbar.

It was left to substitute Cope to make sure of victory on 88 minutes with a fine finish from the edge of the area.

Scholars boss Craig Harris said he thought his side had played the better football on the night.

"I'm proud of the players because we kept passing the ball and playing to our beliefs," he said.

"I thought we were the better side once we had got into our stride."

Stafford face Boston United at Marston Road in the next round.

Chasetown's Jack Farmer stretches for the ball during the FA Cup qualifying replay Marston Road

Smith effort ruled out as sides draw blank

Chasetown 0 Stafford Rangers 0

WITH the prestige – and prize money – that comes with the FA Cup there was a period of both sides testing each other out before Chasetown really began to take over.

Danny Smith – scorer of one of Chasetown's most famous FA Cup goals – teed up Nick Wellecomme and, against his former club, brought a superb save out of Jonathan Brain in the visiting goal.

Minutes later, Tesfa Robinson went close with a header that beat Brain but was cleared off the line by Stafford skipper Darren Bullock.

Danny Smith was a whisker wide with an overhead kick as it looked increasingly likely that it would be the hosts who opened the scoring.

Offside

Smith then found the net after a superb move involving Wellecomme and Brown. Smith shot through Brain's legs but was ruled offside in a tight decision.

In the final minute of the first half, the frame of the goal kept the scores level when McCarthy's thunderbolt from close range came back off the underside of the bar .

The Scholars lost Danny Bragoli through injury and it seemed to coincide with Stafford taking control of the game.

Former Chasetown player Alex Steadman thought he had won it with a long range effort that came back off the inside of the post, while Marco Adaggio flashed a late chance over the bar for Craig Harris' men.

Youngsters put club first

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has insisted his young guns have put the club first and not been affected by the Roger Johnson saga.

The £4m flop's three-month loan to Sheffield Wednesday has been concluded to sever his ties with Molineux. But head coach Jackett is confident the presence of the 30-year-old former skipper hasn't affected the focus of the players he leaves behind.

"A high number of people have gone and you don't necessarily focus on them if they're not in the first-team group," he said.

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Skipper is sorry for fans after derby loss

SKIPPER Sam Ricketts apologised to Wolves fans after losing the derby to neighbours Walsall, while Saddlers boss Dean Smith hailed his own 'Captain Fantastic' Andy Butler.

Wales international Ricketts insisted the players were hurting as much as the supporters after Kenny Jackett's side suffered their first defeat of the season in the 1-0 setback.

But he stressed the need to keep things in perspective after Jackett's young guns lost their first game in seven.

"We're hurting just as much as they are – we wanted the bragging rights just as much as the fans and we apologise to them," said Ricketts.

"It's a blow because you never want to get beat. But teams do lose games over the course of the season and to lose one in seven is still a fantastic start."

Spirit

Meanwhile, Walsall manager Smith paid tribute to Butler – the first Saddlers player to net a Molineux winner since Andy Rammell in 1999 – and claimed his captain epitomises his side's superb spirit.

Butler netted the only goal of the game in the 68th minute.

The 29-year-old has flourished under Smith's tutelage since being made skipper two-and-a-half years ago and the manager admitted there was no more fitting player to head the winner on a memorable night for the club.

"Since I have been in charge he has been my captain and he has been fantastic out there," he said.

Jack goes on the goal Hunt

Hawkins Sports U12s 3
Whittington FC 5

HAWKINS hosted Whittington for their first home game of the season and soon fell behind.

Hawkins responded well and were soon level with a we taken goal by Jack Hunt.

However Whittington continued to attack and scored twice more before half-time.

In the second half Hawkins came into the game and were rewarded with two fine goals, a header from Harry Wilkes and a second from Hunt.

But Whittington pushed on and scored two more to end up with a 5-3 win.

Little joins Scholars as head of academy

Brian Little

by Tim Nash

FORMER Villa, Albion and Wolves boss Brian Little has been appointed director of coaching of non-league Chasetown's new academy.

Starting this month, the 59-year-old is to spearhead the Scholars' Academy, a new partnership between Chasetown and Stafford College enabling youngsters to combine a professional football development programme with A-level equivalent qualifications.

Chasetown chairman John Donnelly has known Little for several years in his capacity as chairman of Aston Villa Former Players' Association.

Little, who is holder of the FA's Pro-License and covers Championship games in Dublin for Irish TV, said: "The Scholars' Academy combines the attributes of a successful local football club with Stafford College to give talented players an opportunity to fulfil their potential when they have suffered the disappointments the game can throw at them.

"It's something I really believe in and I'm looking forward to working with the students and all those involved."

Outside of his broadcast interests, Little has started a programme for players released by league clubs.

Little, who managed Villa to their last major trophy when he won the League Cup in 1996, also managed Darlington, Stoke, Hull, Tranmere and Wrexham, but has been out of the pro-game since being sacked by Gainsborough in August 2011.

The partnership will build on the successful academy for 16-18-year-old students established by Chasetown's former player-coach Andy Turner and chief executive Mike Joiner in 2009.

Joiner said: "We're delighted to have secured the services of Brian, who is extremely passionate and supportive of junior and youth football. Our academy ethos fits perfectly with Brian's existing work. It's another example of why Chasetown is an attractive proposition for young players."

The academy aims to provide a second chance for school-leavers and players discarded by clubs.

Anyone interested should contact Stafford College's enrolment centre on 01785 275468.

PITMEN HEAD BACK TO TOP OF THE TABLE

Histon 0 Hednesford 1

ROB Smith's Hednesford Town moved back to the top of the Skrill North following a gritty 1-0 victory over the 10 men of Histon, *writes Scott Smith*.

Town went into the game against their sixth placed opponents knowing that the Cambridgeshire based side were taking a three match unbeaten home run into the match.

Meanwhile Smith put his faith in the same starting XI that had picked up three points against Vauxhall Motors on Saturday.

After a pretty even opening quarter the game exploded into life in the 15th minute. From a Hednesford corner the ball eventually found its way to Kris Taylor who saw his goalbound effort cleared off the line by Harry O'Malley with the use of his hand.

Cleared

Referee David Rock awarded a penalty and gave O'Malley his marching orders, with Elliott Durrell duly dispatching the spot-kick into the bottom corner.

The 10 men pushed forward in search of an equaliser and they nearly found it in the 48th minute when Kaine Sheppard spun his marker and hit a shot against the bar. Then John Disney somehow cleared a ball off the line when it looked certain to find the back of the net.

At the other end substitute Charlie Anagho-Ntamark could have wrapped up all three points for Town with two good chances late on.

In the end though the early penalty would be enough to seal all three points for The Pitmen as they head into Saturday's game at Guiseley knowing they sit top of the pack.

Hednesford Town

Hednesford Town 2
Vauxhall Motors 0

A strong first half performance by Hednesford Town, spearheaded once again by the clinical Elliott Durrell, ensured The Pitmen recorded their fourth straight home win.

The Pitmen were given an early scare when Jordan Rugg broke clear within 70 seconds and chipped keeper Dan Crane only to see the ball clip the bottom of the post and bounce wide.

Durrell, the league's leading scorer, made Vauxhall pay with a dipping free kick which fizzed beyond the helpless goalkeeper into the far corner on 14 minutes.

Poor defending cost Vauxhall on 26 minutes when, from a Kris Taylor corner, Durrell, the shortest man on the pitch, was left unmarked 10 yards out to head home his 10th of the season.

The visitors were reduced to 10 men when Lloyd Ellams was given his marching orders for a reckless tackle on debutant Matt Regan.

Smith facing Bucks Head return for cup clash

Hednesford players look on as Rob Smith is presented with his award by Skrill's Dennis Strudwick

ASSISTANT boss Chris Brindley this week admitted Hednesford Town's FA Cup clash with AFC Telford was a "mouth-watering" prospect.

Monday's second qualifying round draw handed the Pitmen a trip to the New Bucks Head and the former club of boss Rob Smith, who picked up the Skrill North Manager of the Month award for August at last weekend's Keys Park clash against Vauxhall Motors.

Smith was sacked by the Bucks along with coach Larry Chambers in 2010 but has since guided Hednesford into the Conference North.

Assistant boss Brindley, who also has ties to Telford as a former player, admits the game on Saturday, September 28 promises to be a great occasion.

"It's a big, big game for us," he said.

"I think it will be the first time Rob and Larry will have been back to Teford since leaving.

"On paper it's probably the toughest game we could have got and in terms of the history you could not script it really."

Jenkins is a penalty save hero

Heather St John 2
Heath Hayes 2

HEATH Hayes gave a much improved display to earn a point at fellow Midland Alliance strugglers Heather, despite playing the last 25 minutes with 10 men.

Hayes got off to a dream start when new signing Chris Geldart, in his second spell at the club, unleashed a rasping drive from 25 yards which squirmed through the hands of startled keeper George Woodward.

Following a series of well constructed attacks, new signing Conor Wright equalised for the hosts.

Tom Green restored the visitors' lead with a firmly struck volley from the tightest of angles.

The Saints equalised again on 58 minutes when substitute Harry Preece's scuffed shot wrong-footed keeper Adam Jenkins.

The Hayes injury jinx then struck again when Green went off with a torn thigh muscle to be replaced by Adam Langley.

The game erupted 10 minutes later when Jack Coulson was scythed down by Harry Phillips as he bore down on goal.

Phillips was dismissed but Jenkins was the hero of the hour as he saved Wright's spot-kick.

Players needed at football club

WYRLEY Juniors Reserves are looking for players to strengthen their squad who currently play in the West Midlands Regional League on a Saturday afternoon.

The club is looking for experienced players to help its young crop to develop and progress. Young players are also invited with the chance to progress to the first team. Call Shaun on 07917191262.

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